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「SEXに愛なんていらない」
「生きる意味なんて
だれも知らない」

援助交際をしている、
17歳のアユ。

愛し、愛されることを知らなかった少女が、
おばあちゃんとの出会いによって、
変わっていく――。

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CARE TO GIVE ME A BLOW, AYU?

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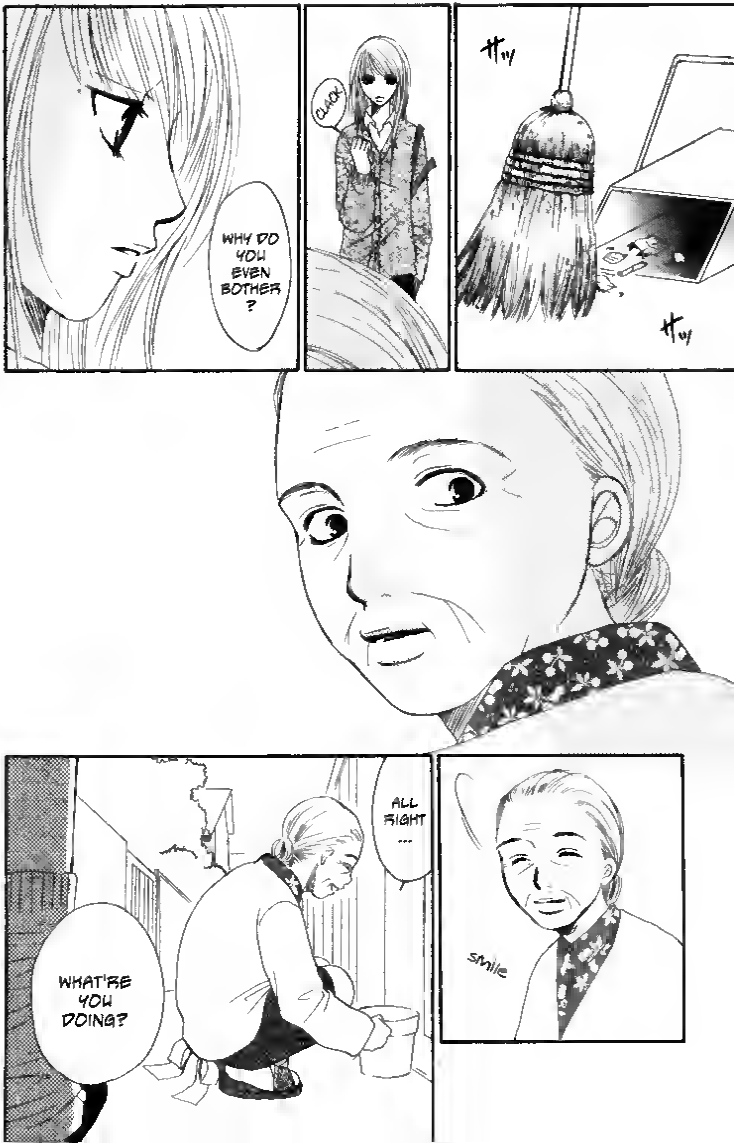
10000 YEN
10000 円

カヂャ
HERE AGAIN

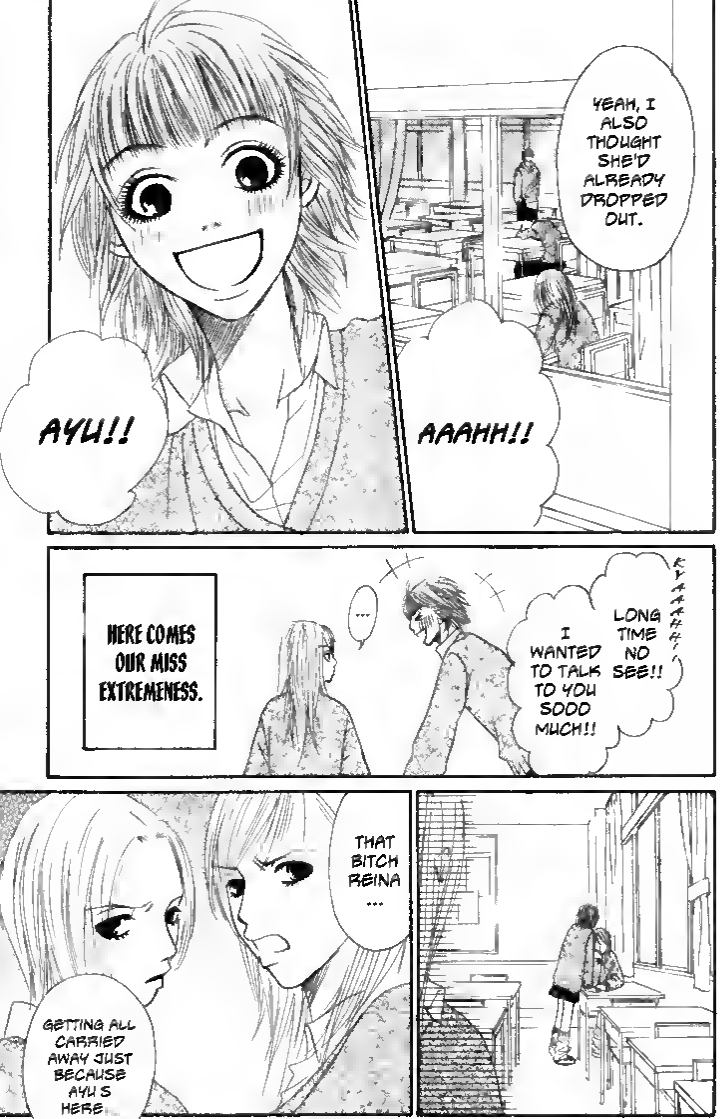
WERE YOU WORK-ING?
YEAH.
LIKE I'VE GOT ANOTHER PLACE TO RETURN TO...
HIGH-SCHOOL GIRLS THESE DAYS...
REALLY GIVE ME THE CREEPS.
YOU KNOW IT BEST, DON'T YOU KENJI?
THEY HAVE THE MONEY AND I'VE GOT SOME-THING TO SELL. IT'S EASY AS THAT.

You don't need love to be able to fuck someone. Love just gets in the way.


WHY DO YOU EVEN BOTHER ?
CLACK
smile
ALL RIGHT ...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

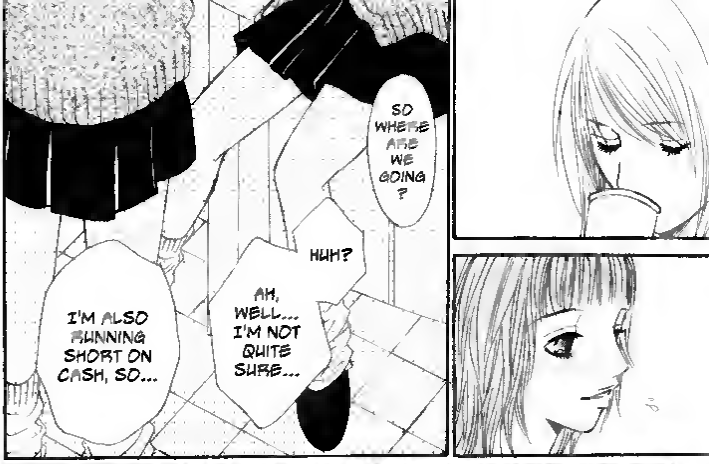
I'M SOWING SOME FLOWER SEEDS
YOU WANT TO GROW THEM?
ALL ON YOUR OWN?
YES.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST BUY SOME?
?
YOUR NAME
WHAT IS IT?
.....
AYU ...
I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU ONCE THEY BLOOM, AYU.

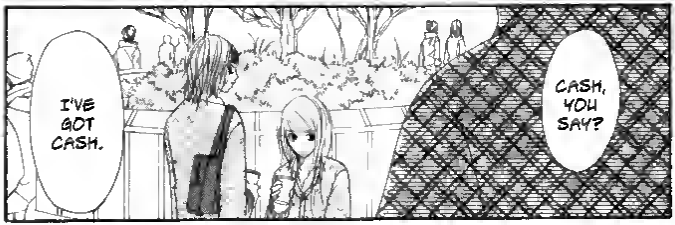
...THAT'S IT.
FOR REAL!?
HEY.
THAT'S MY SEAT.
カリタッ
WHAT A SHOCK!
I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D COME...

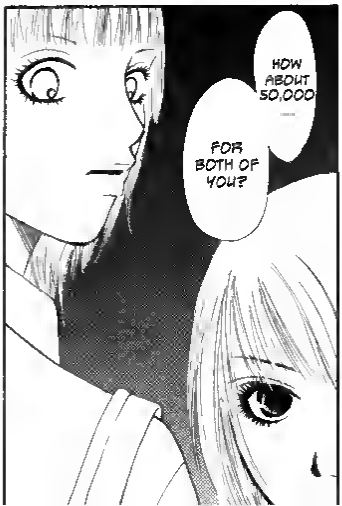

YEAH, I ALSO THOUGHT SHE'D ALREADY DROPPED OUT.
AAAHH!!
AYU!!
KYAAAHH!
LONG TIME NO SEE!!
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU SOOO MUCH!!
...
HERE COMES OUR MISS EXTREMENESS.
THAT BITCH REINA ...
GETTING ALL CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE AYU'S HERE.

ARE YOU FREE LATER TODAY?
LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER!
...FINE WITH ME.
FAN-TAS-TIC!!
100
REINA'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.

NICE SKIRT
SHOULD WE SAY HI?
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S SO ATTACHED TO ME...
THANKS.
NO PROB-LEM!
I JUST OVERHEARD SOME GUYS TALKING ABOUT YOU OVER THERE.







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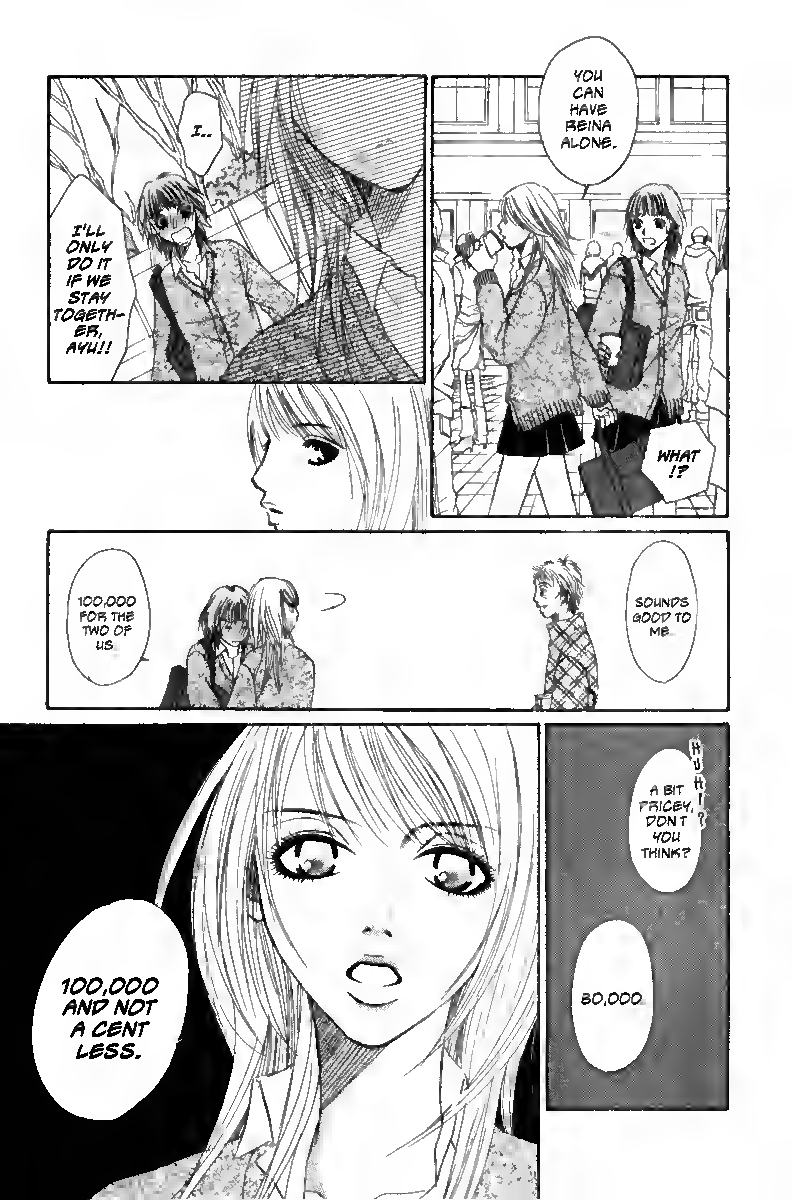
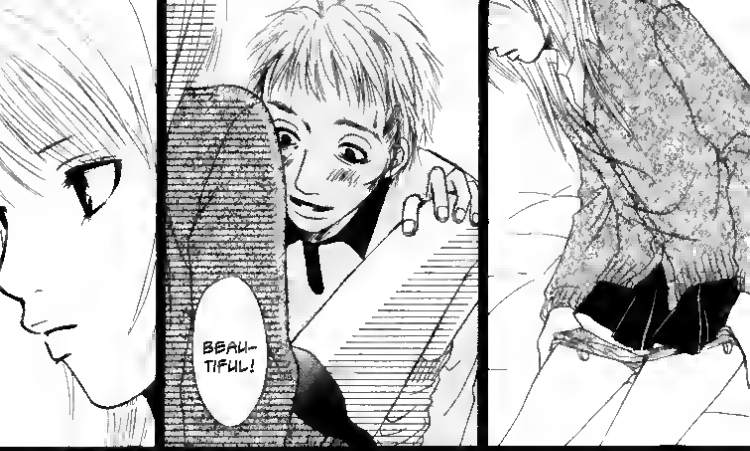

I...
I'LL ONLY DO IT IF WE STAY TOGETHER, AYU!!
YOU CAN HAVE REINA ALONE.
WHAT!?
100,000 FOR THE TWO OF US.
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
100,000 AND NOT A CENT LESS.
HUH!?
A BIT PRICEY, DON'T YOU THINK?
80,000.

Sex is just a matter of seconds.



"This" is what those guys desperately want,
and what they're willing to pay for.

This is the age we're living in...

WHY? DON'T YOU THINK THAT THEY'LL BLOOM?
SO THEY'RE NOT BLOOMING AFTER ALL.
GOOD EVEN-ING.
THEY WON'T ...
NOT IN A DIRTY CITY...
LIKE THIS.

THEY'LL BLOOM IF THEY TRY HARD TO.
EVEN IN A DIRTY CITY ...
COME BACK AGAIN AND SEE IT FOR YOURSELF.
HEY.
AYU.

NO, THANK YOU.
WANNA HAVE A FIX TOO?
C'MON, DON'T BE A BITCH!
WAIT ...
KENJI!!
DON'T MOVE!

YOU'RE STILL THE BEST, AYU!
YOU'RE HERE TO ENTERTAIN ME, SO DO WHAT I SAY!
COM-PARED TO THIS STUFF ...

— They'll bloom if they try hard to. —
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
DUNNO ...
WHY CAN'T YOU GIVE ME A MORE ACCURATE ANSWER?
DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU'RE LIVING FOR.

I..
I WANT TO EXPERIENCE HAPPINESS.
WELL, THEN TELL ME WHAT YOU ARE LIVING FOR, TEACHER.
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
HAPPINESS? WHAT'S THAT?

Nobody really knows what the true meaning of life is.

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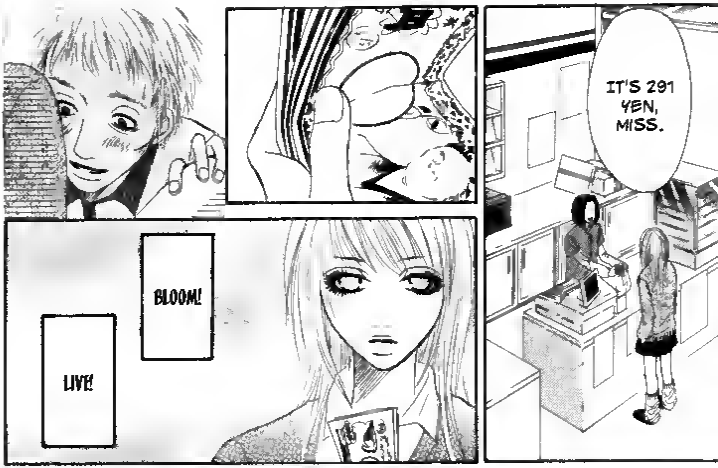
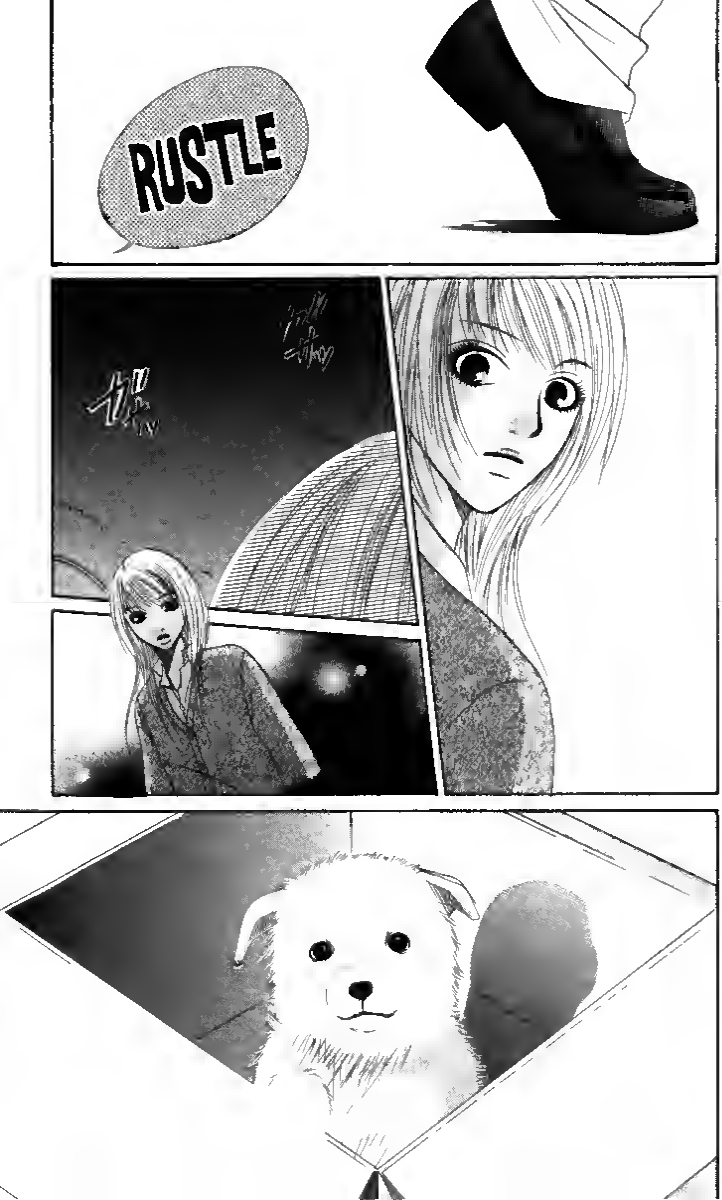
...A...
...YU.
DON'T GIVE UP!


IT'S 291 YEN, MISS.
BLOOM!
LIVE!

AND THEN WHAT?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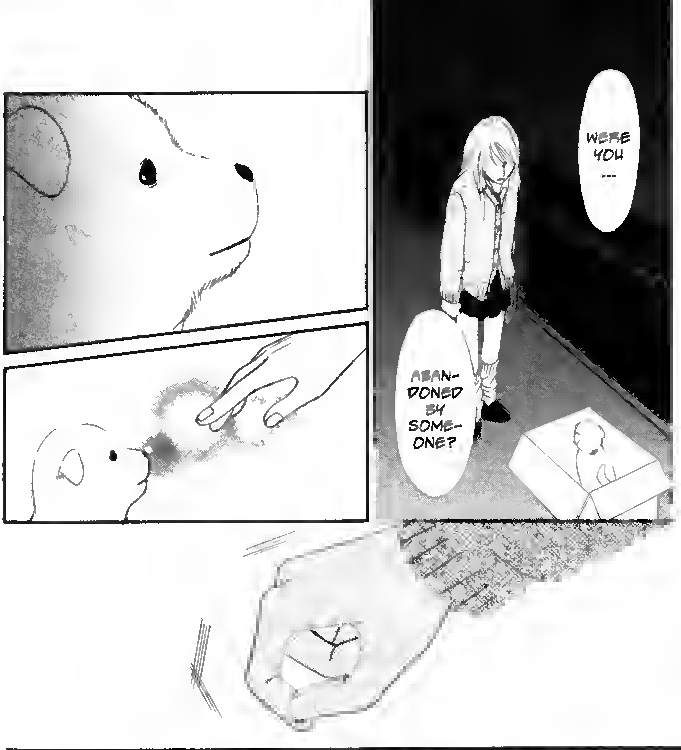
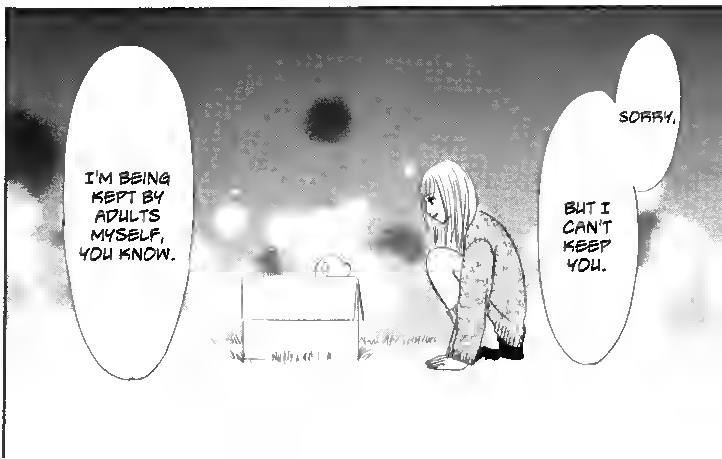

WERE YOU ---
ABAN-DONED BY SOME-ONE?

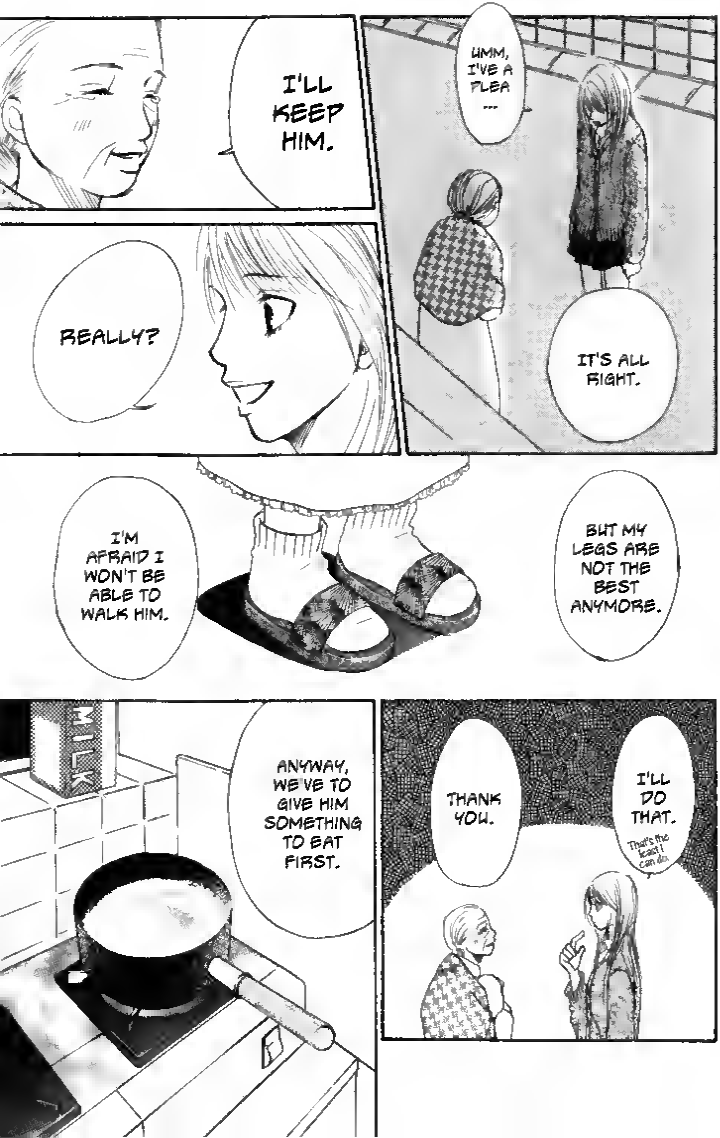

I'M BEING KEPT BY ADULTS MYSELF, YOU KNOW.
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T KEEP YOU.

PAO
PAO ...
PAO!
IS THAT YOUR NAME?
NOBODY'S GONNA NOTICE YOU IF YOU DON'T BARK, PAO.
I'M SORRY.
RUSTLE

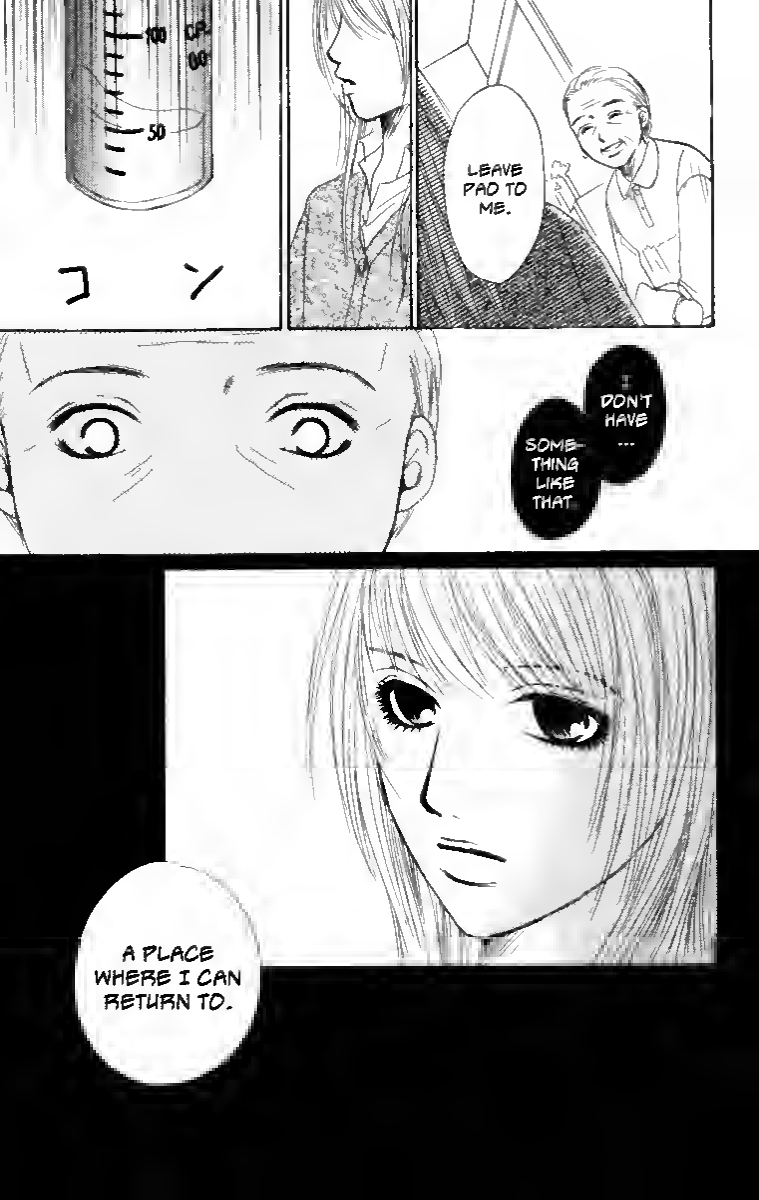
RUFF
YOUR T...
HOW DID YOUR TONGUE BECOME LIKE THIS!?

WHAT'S HAP-PENED??
AT THIS UNGODLY HOUR
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK
THIS DOG'S TONGUE ...
SOME-ONE'S CUT IT!!

WHAT A TERRIBLE THING TO DO...
.....
MA'AM ...
She's crying...?


I'LL KEEP HIM.
UMM, I'VE A FLEA ...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
REALLY?
I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK HIM.
BUT MY LEGS ARE NOT THE BEST ANYMORE.
ANYWAY, WE'VE TO GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT FIRST.
THANK YOU.
I'LL DO THAT.
That's the least I can do.

HE'S DRINK-ING IT!
YOUR FAMILY MUST BE WORRYING ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE.
YOU SHOULD BETTER GO HOME NOW.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LEAVE PAD TO ME.
DON'T HAVE ... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
A PLACE WHERE I CAN RETURN TO.

DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
GRAN-NY?
AYU.

IS HE DEAD?
NO, BUT HE'S SERIOUSLY ILL.
... DAD?
YOU MUSTN'T DIE, LITTLE ONE...
BUT IF IT'S THAT PAINFUL FOR HIM...
ISN'T IT BETTER TO JUST LET HIM DIE?

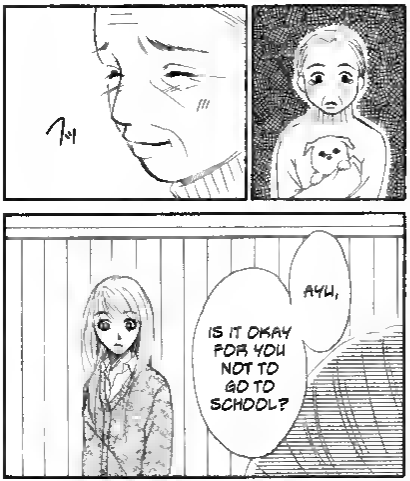
PAO WANTS TO STAY ALIVE.
EVEN SO ...
It's still better than living in this rotten world...
.....

He wants to stay alive...

PAD
...
YOU
...?
You're
still
alive...

"They'll bloom if they try hard to."
AYU?
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
THE FIRST SPROUT
HAS COME OUT.

THAT'S REALLY SOME-THING.
I'M SO HAPPY ...
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
NO ...
ARE YOU SAD AGAIN?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AYU,
IS IT OKAY FOR YOU NOT TO GO TO SCHOOL?
LOOKS LIKE PAO'S ALSO BEEN SAVED.
I GUESS I SHOULD GO THEN.
カラカラ
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

Next stop: Shinjuku.
Please look after your belong-ings.
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

THAT'S 50,000 FOR YOU, MISTER.
What's going on?
WH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME!?

10000 YEN
I SAID 50,000, ASSHOLE ...

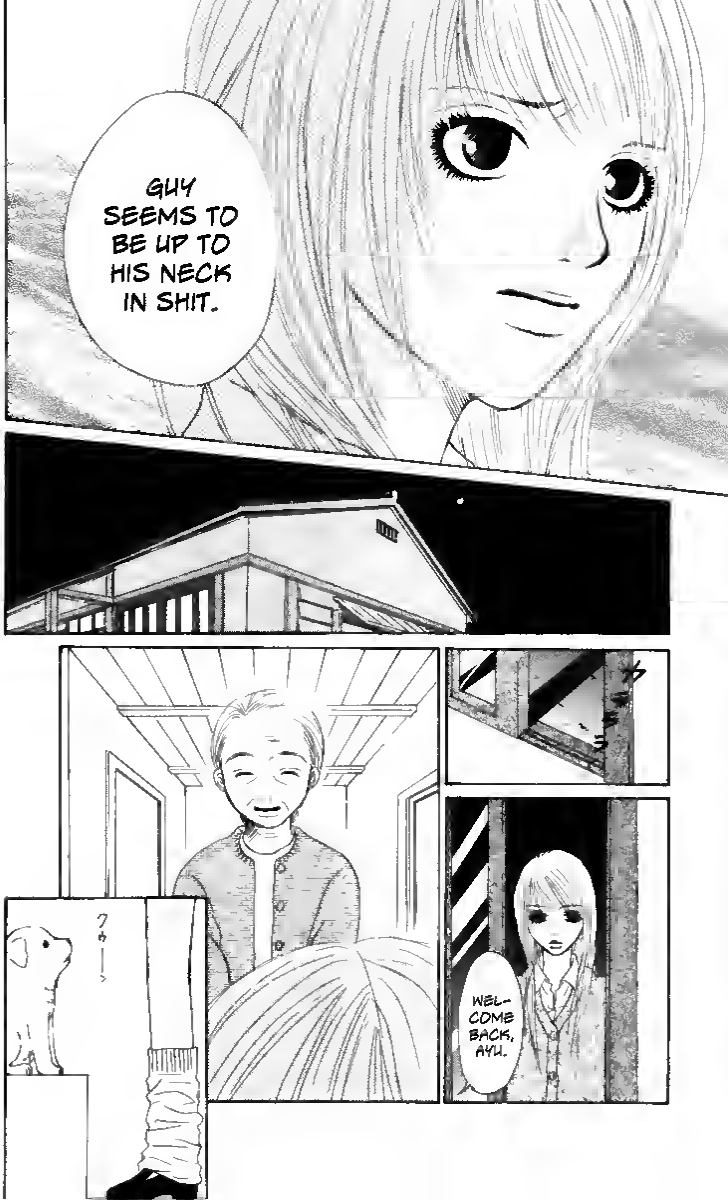
BRRR
BRRR
Hello,
Ayu?
Where're you now?
I'm hanging out at Shibuya. Why don't you come over?

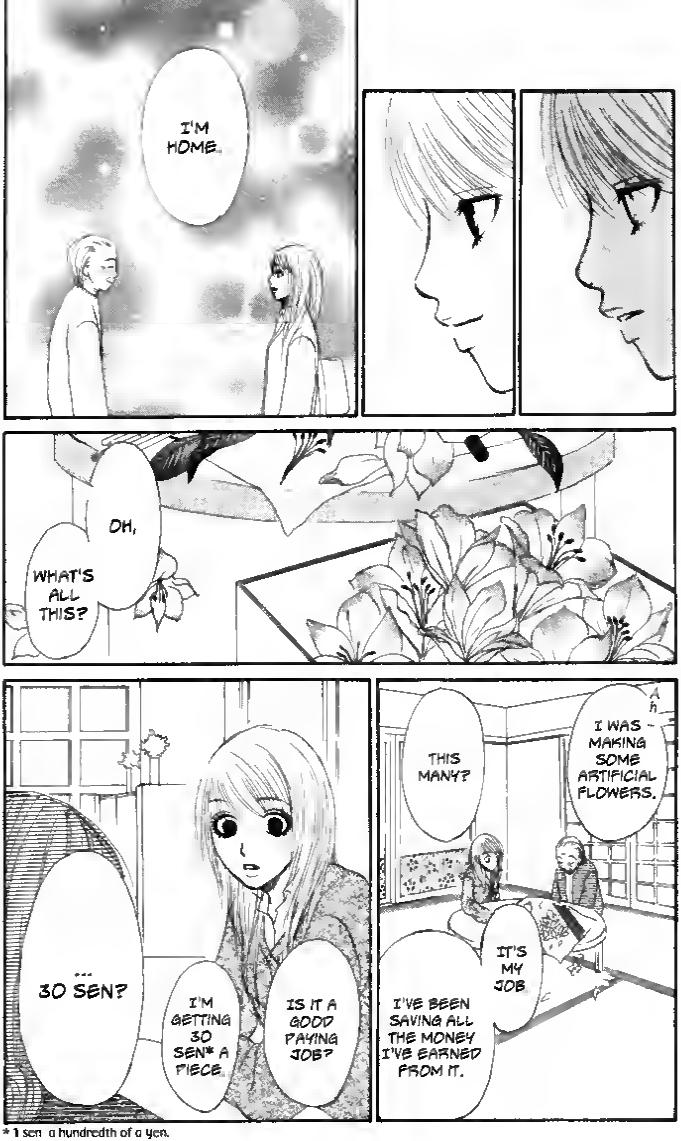
YOU STILL GOING TO SCHOOL?
YEAH.
C'MON, DROP IT!
HA HA HA
'BEEN A WHILE. ♡
RIGHT, I DID A GUY THE OTHER DAY WHO WAS WILLING TO FORK OUT 100,000!
FOR REAL!?
LUCKY YOU!!
WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHY ARE YOU STILL CHARGING 50,000, AYU?
THERE MUST BE QUITE A FEW GUYS WHO'D LOVE TO PAY MORE IF IT WAS YOU.
DUNNO. GUESS I DON'T REALLY NEED IT.
SAY WHAT!?
WHY'RE YOU DOING THIS THEN?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WHUMP

HEY!!
STAND UP!!
Kenji!?
GOT THAT, FUCKER!?
YOU BETTER HAVE THE MONEY READY THE NEXT TIME WE COME FOR YOU!!
AYU!?

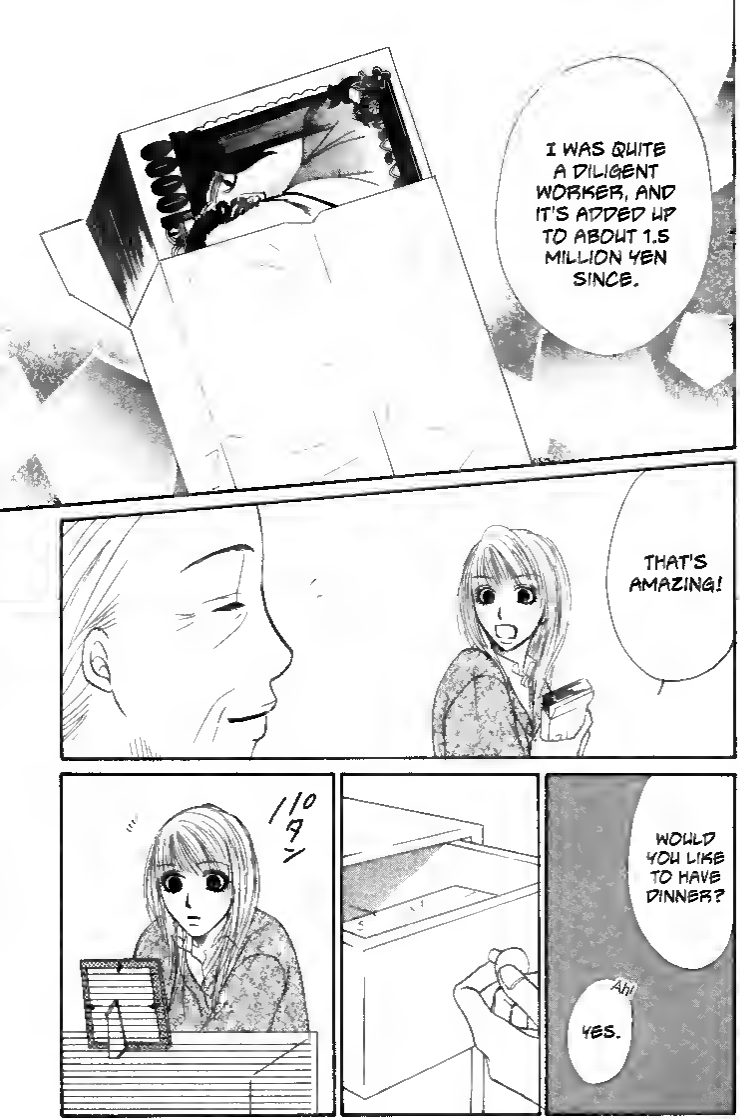
NOTHING ?
WHAT ABOUT THOSE GUYS WHO JUST...
SHUT UP!!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
AYU, IS THAT YOU?
IT'S NOTHING.
LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHAT?
YOU KNOW HIM, AYU?
... YEAH.
I'D STAY AWAY FROM HIM IF I WERE YOU.


GUY SEEMS TO BE UP TO HIS NECK IN SHIT.
ガラ
WEL-COME BACK, AYU.
ワン！

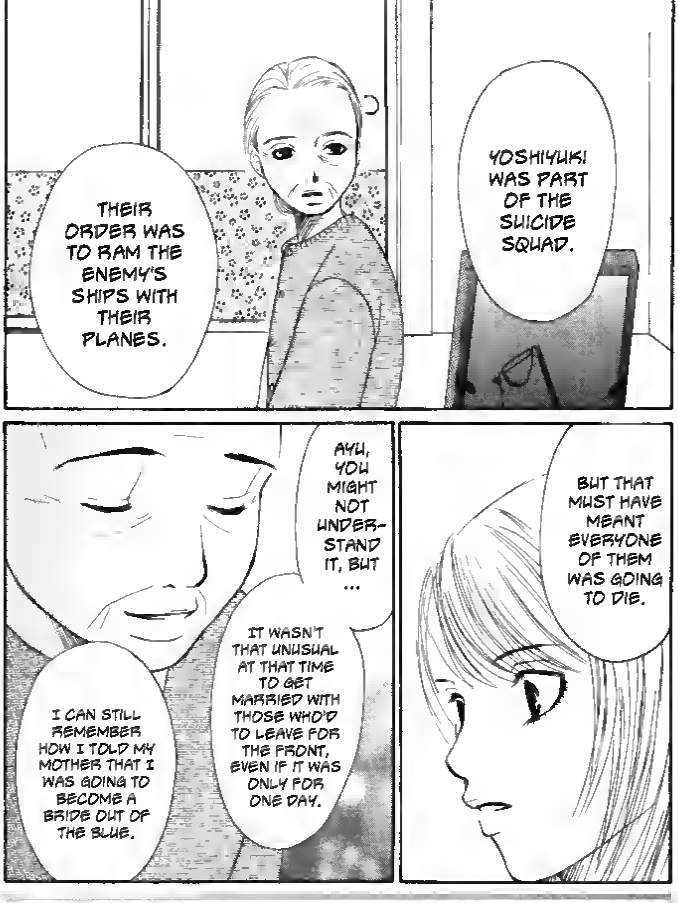


* 1 sen: a hundredth of a yen.

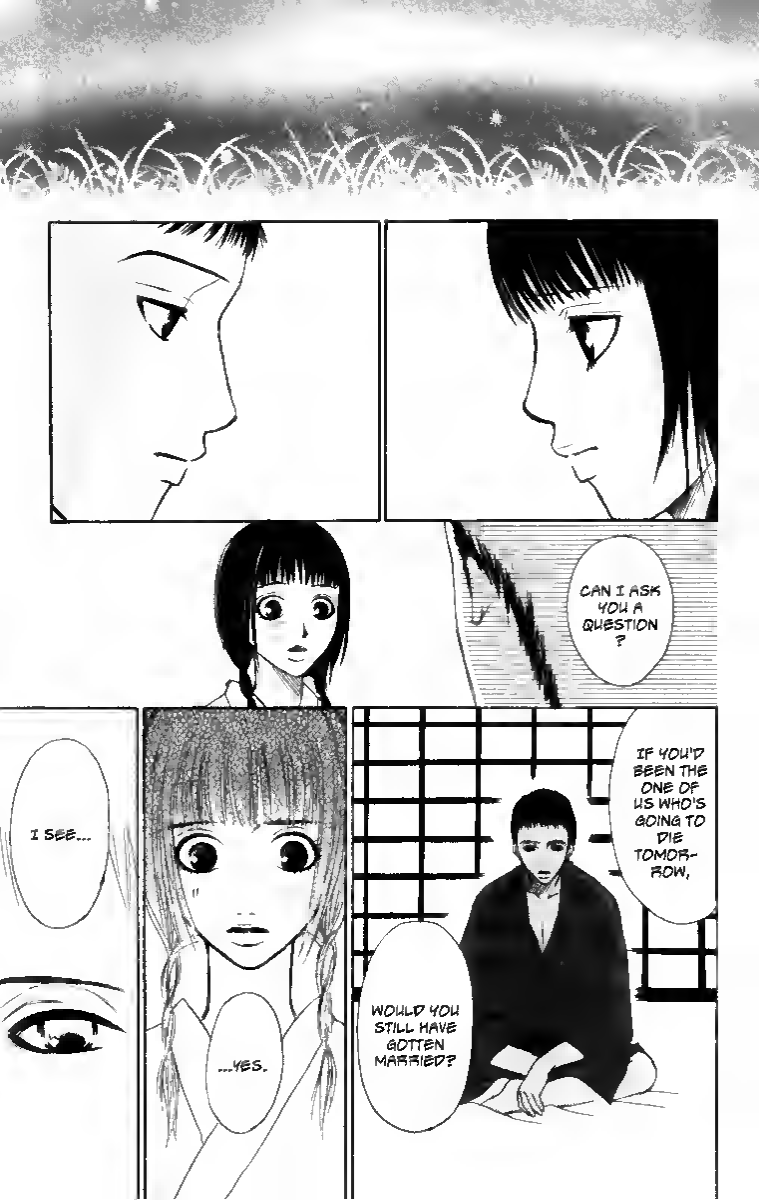
100 SEN IS ONE YEN, RIGHT?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!
YOU'RE WORKING FOR SUCH PEANUTS!?
TAKE A LOOK INTO THAT DRAWER OVER THERE.
?
THE ENVELOPE.
Open it


I WAS QUITE A DILIGENT WORKER, AND IT'S ADDED UP TO ABOUT 1.5 MILLION YEN SINCE.
THAT'S AMAZING!
110 ワン
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DINNER?
AH! YES.

WHO'S THAT MAN?
HUH?
HE WAS MY HUSBAND.
OH, HIM ...
ONE DAY?
YES.
THOUGH ONLY FOR ONE DAY.


YOSHIYUKI WAS PART OF THE SUICIDE SQUAD.
THEIR ORDER WAS TO RAM THE ENEMY'S SHIPS WITH THEIR PLANES.
BUT THAT MUST HAVE MEANT EVERYONE OF THEM WAS GOING TO DIE.
AYU, YOU MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND IT, BUT ...
IT WASN'T THAT UNUSUAL AT THAT TIME TO GET MARRIED WITH THOSE WHO'D TO LEAVE FOR THE FRONT, EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY FOR ONE DAY.
I CAN STILL REMEMBER HOW I TOLD MY MOTHER THAT I WAS GOING TO BECOME A BRIDE OUT OF THE BLUE.
17.
HOW OLD WERE YOU AT THAT TIME?

I WAS YOUR AGE THEN, AYU.
EVEN YOSHI-YUKI WASN'T 18 YET.
THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY WAS OVER BEFORE WE COULD EVEN EXCHANGE OUR VOWS...
WE SPENT THE NIGHT NOT TALKING MUCH EITHER...


CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
IF YOU'D BEEN THE ONE OF US WHO'S GOING TO DIE TOMORROW,
WOULD YOU STILL HAVE GOTTEN MARRIED?
...YES.
I SEE...

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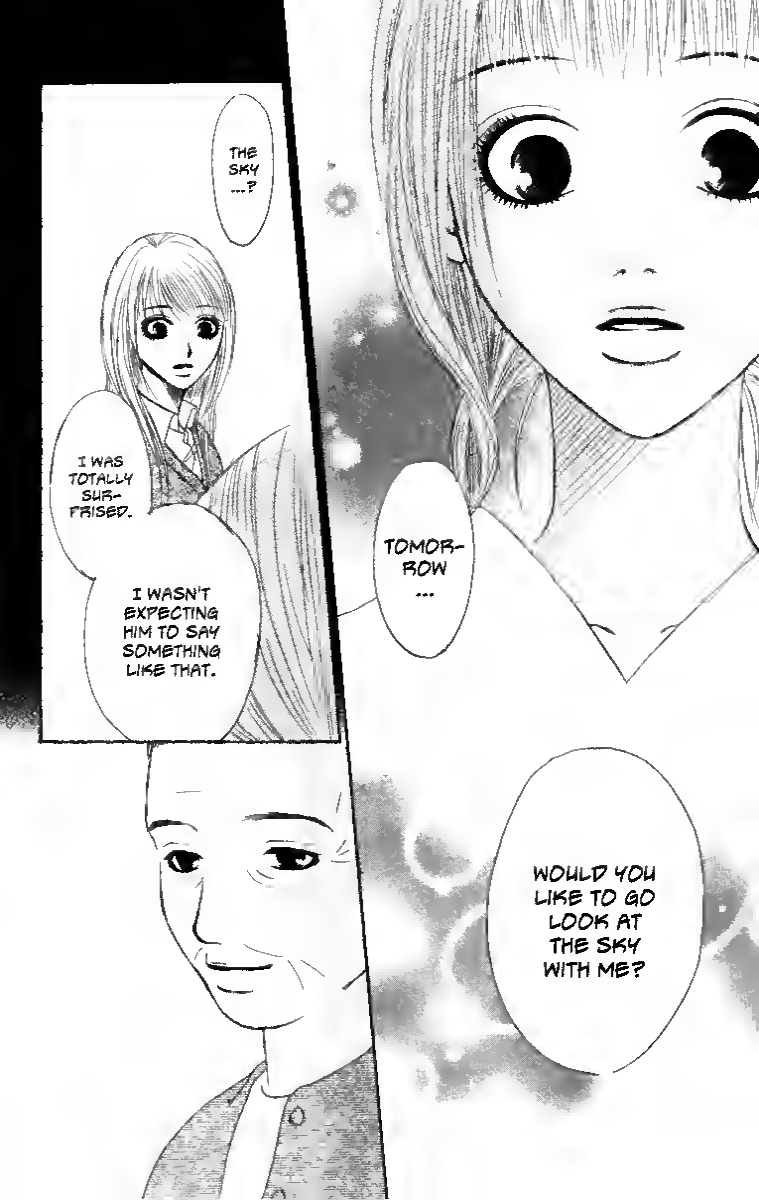
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO LOOK AT THE SKY WITH ME?
TOMOR-ROW ...
THE SKY ...?
I WAS TOTALLY SUR-PRISED.
I WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

AND SO BOTH OF US WENT TO THE HILL THE NEXT MORNING AND LOOKED AT THE SKY...
IN TIMES LIKE THIS, THE WAR SEEMS SO FAR AWAY.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
I'M GOING TO DIE NO MATTER WHAT...

EVEN IF I'M DEAD...
BUT ...
I'LL STILL CONTINUE WATCHING OVER YOU FROM ABOVE...
SO WHENEVER YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME, JUST LOOK UP INTO THE SKY.
YOU...

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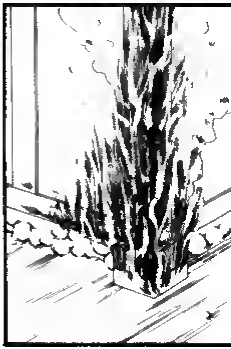
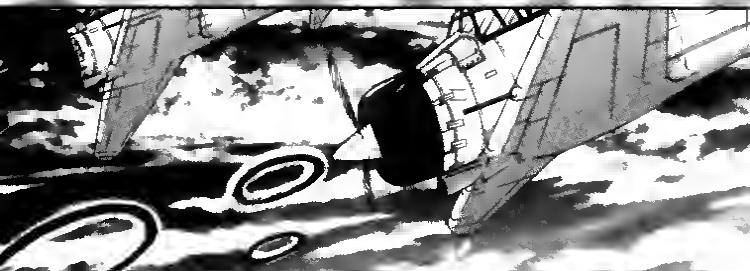
HAVE TO LIVE ON.

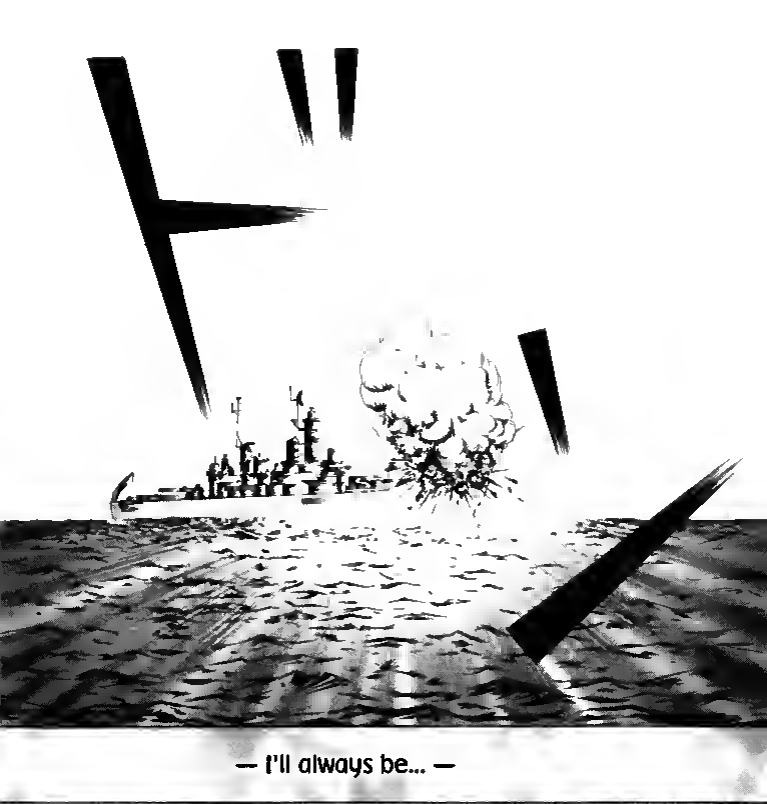
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MOM?! HURRY UP!!
BUT YOUR DAD'S PHOTO ...
RUN AHEAD! I HAVE TO GO GET IT!!



— Whenever you're having a hard time, just look up into the sky. —



AAAAAAAHH!!
— I'll be watching over you from above. —



— I'll always be... —

YOSHI, YUKI?
WATCH OUT!!
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...
ARGH
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OWW
OW
OW

You...
have to live on.
ARG ...

I have to live on.
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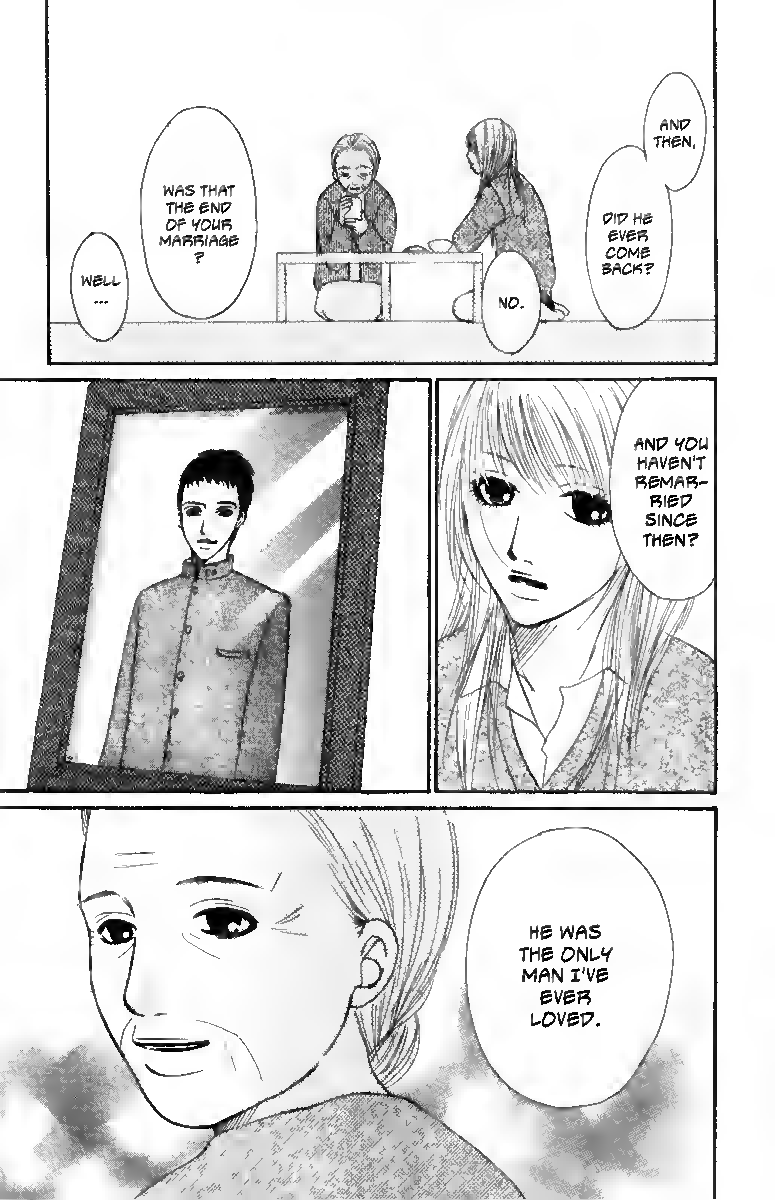
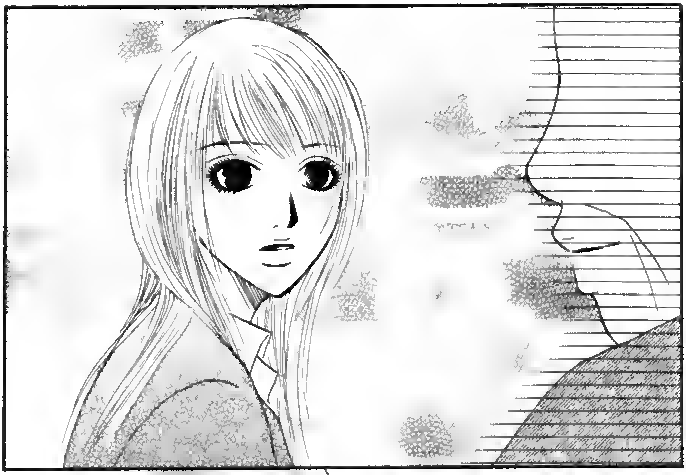
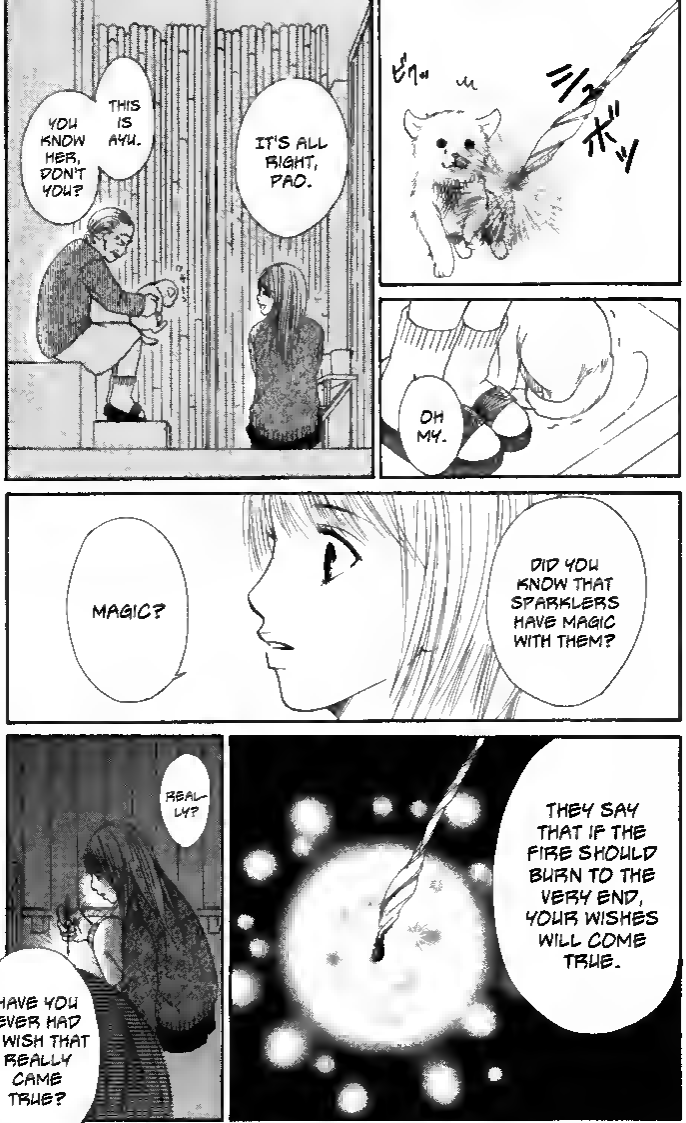

AND THEN,
DID HE EVER COME BACK?
NO.
WAS THAT THE END OF YOUR MARRIAGE?
WELL ...
AND YOU HAVEN'T REMARRIED SINCE THEN?
HE WAS THE ONLY MAN I'VE EVER LOVED.



THIS SURE BRINGS BACK MEMO-RIES!
I'M SORRY.
I GUESS IT WASN'T REALLY THE MOST INTEREST-ING STORY TO TELL.
.....
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT! I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU, AYU.


IT'S ALL RIGHT, PAO.
THIS IS AYU.
YOU KNOW HER, DON'T YOU?
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OH MY.
DID YOU KNOW THAT SPARKLERS HAVE MAGIC WITH THEM?
MAGIC?
THEY SAY THAT IF THE FIRE SHOULD BURN TO THE VERY END, YOUR WISHES WILL COME TRUE.
REALLY?
HAVE YOU EVER HAD A WISH THAT REALLY CAME TRUE?

WHAT ARE YOU WISHING FOR, AYU?
FOR PAD TO BECOME STRONGER.. AND...
AND?
I HAD.
A LONG TIME AGO.
FOR YOU TO STAY WELL FOREVER, GRANNY.

THANK YOU.

Yellow Cosmos
Pansy
Tulip
OH.
Morning-glory
Marguerite
THERE'RE SO MANY SORTS OF FLOWER SEEDS.

THOSE THINGS DON'T SUIT YOU, AYU.
HELLO.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSI-NESS.
BEING RUDE DOESN'T SUIT YOU EITHER.

Sunflower
I'VE MISSED YOU LATELY.
WANNA KEEP ME COMPANY AGAIN?
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?
Violet
Sunflo

HOTEL
HOTEL
50,000 IS WHAT I SAY.

WELL THEN.
SEE YOU AGAIN.
SLAM
EOIIIIII

BRRRR
ブブブ
BRRRR
BRRRR
BRRRR
Ayu?
INCOMING CALL
KENJI
beep
You gotta help me, please...

KENJI ?
ARE YOU HERE?
KENJI ...
TMP
AYU ...

ARE YOU ...
ON DRUGS AGAIN?

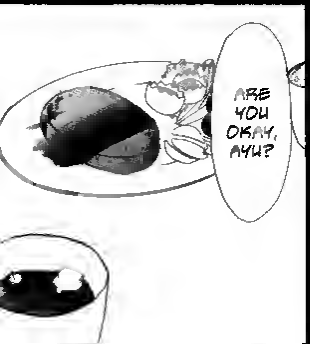
SO?
WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO? YOU'VE STOPPED COMING BY LATELY...
YOU'D BETTER QUIT TAKING THAT SHIT.
IT'LL KILL YOU SOONER OR LATER.
SHUT UP!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!!

KEN
...
JI
...
I...
レザぼっ
I'M SORRY
...
FOR-
GIVE
ME.
AYU
...

I.. I MIGHT GET KILLED.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M DONE FOR.
AYU.
THEY ...
THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT ME SCREWING AROUND WITH THEIR MONEY.
WHY WERE YOU DOING SUCH A DUMB THING?
WAS IT...
BECAUSE OF THE DRUGS?

PLEASE!!
YOU GOTTA LEND ME TWO MILLION YEN!
WHAT!?
I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY!
FORGET IT! IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!
LAND SOME JOBS!
I'M THE BEST FUCKIN' GIGOLO OUT THERE!
I CAN EARN 2 MILLION IN 3 DAYS ONCE MY WOUNDS ARE HEALED!

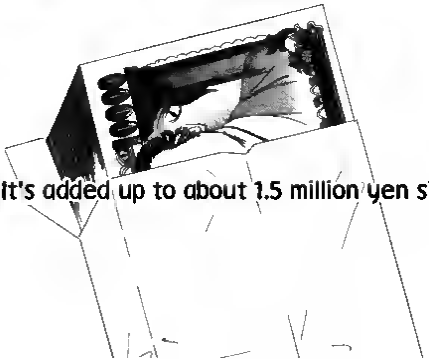
PLEASE! I'LL PAY YOU BACK IN NO TIME, I SWEAR ...



"You gotta lend me two million yen!"

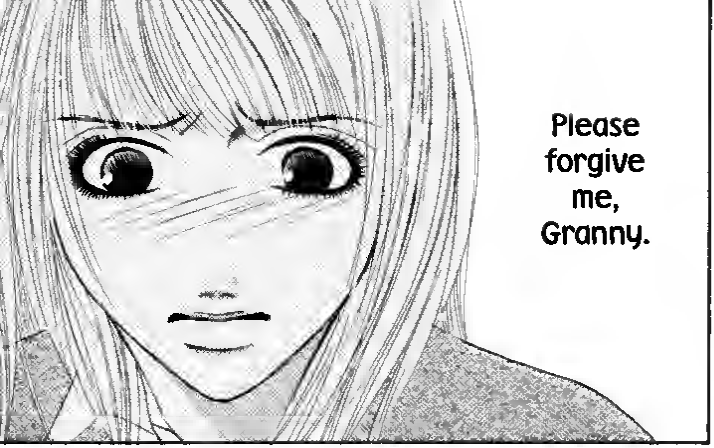
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING ...

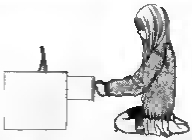
IT'S NOTHING ...



— It's added up to about 1.5 million yen since. —

"I can earn 2 million in 3 days ance my wounds are healed!"
Ah...


Please forgive me, Granny.



I'll give this money back, even if it costs me my life.

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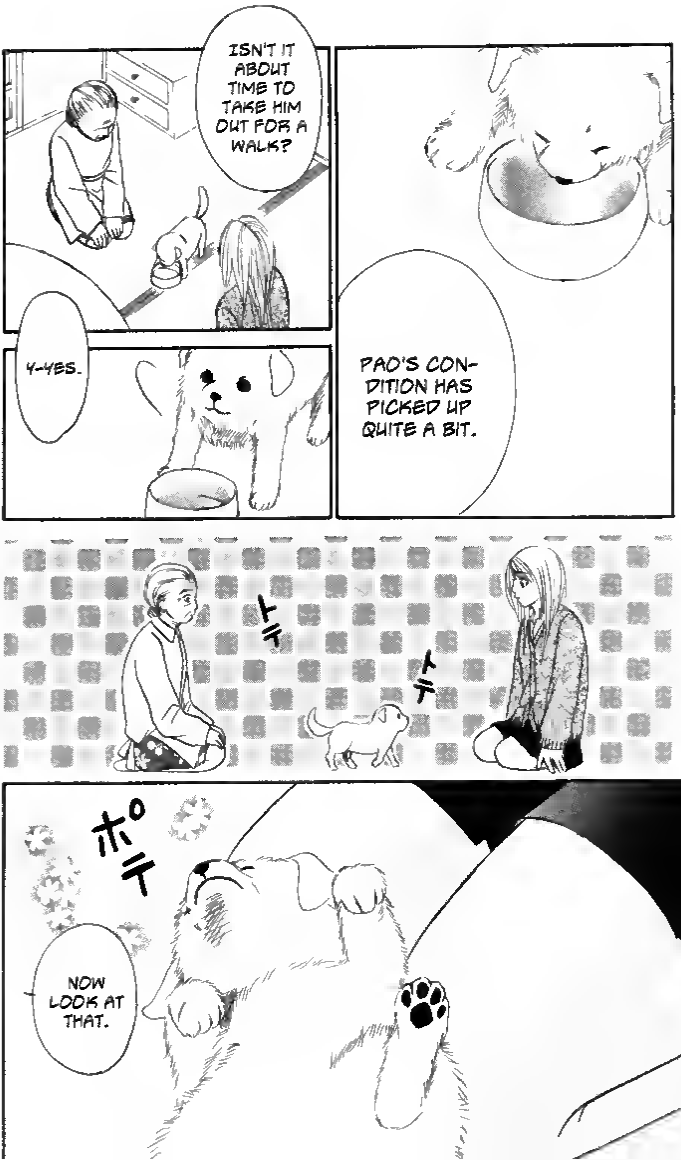
I WANT IT RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YOU'LL GET IT BACK IN NO TIME.


ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO TAKE HIM OUT FOR A WALK?
Y-YES.
PAO'S CONDITION HAS PICKED UP QUITE A BIT.
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トテ
ポテ
NOW LOOK AT THAT.

I THINK HE'S BECOME FOND OF YOU, AYU.
IT'S TIME FOR US TO TAKE OUR MEAL, TOO.

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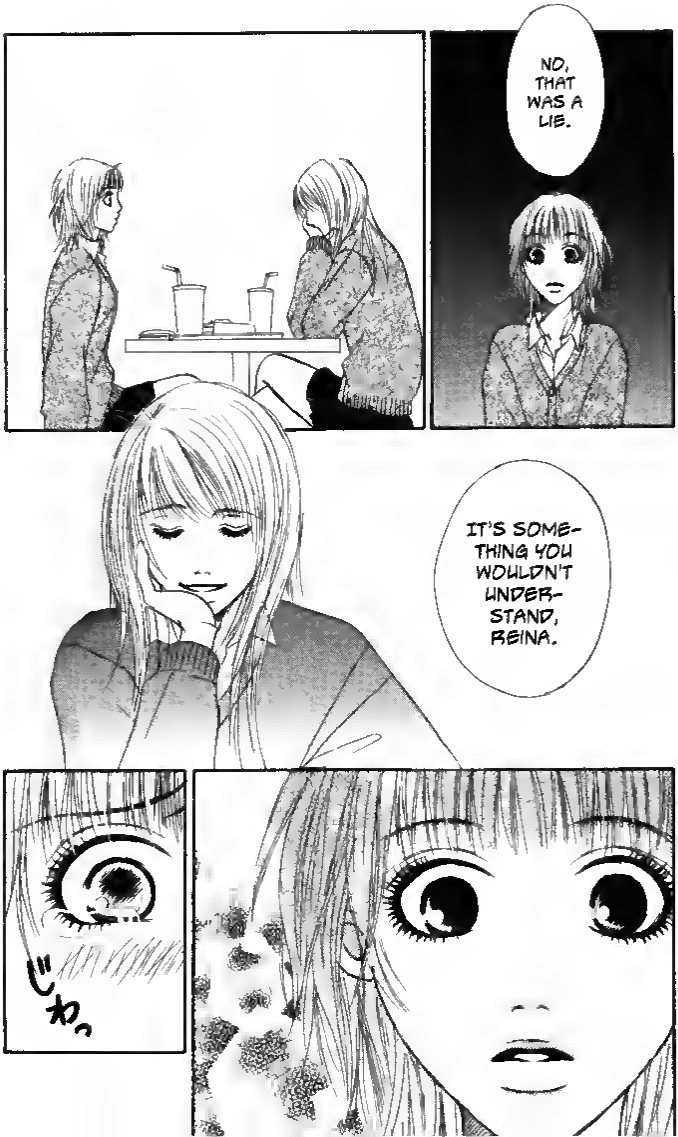
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, AYU?
HUH?
YOU SEEM DOWN. IS THERE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

COOL.
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
NOT REALLY ...


NO, THAT WAS A LIE.
IT'S SOMETHING YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, REINA.
じわっ

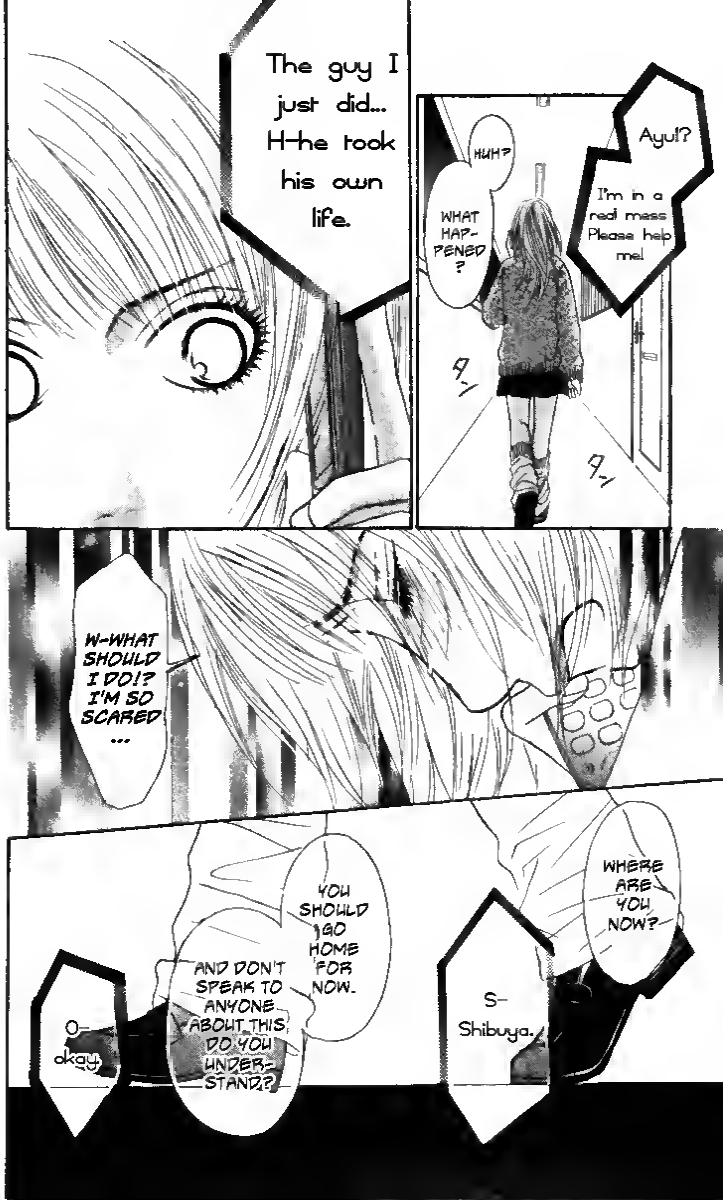
WHY ARE YOU CRYING ALL OF SUDDEN ?
BECAUSE ...
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU SMILED AT ME.
OOPS!
I'm sorry
I'VE GOTTA MEET UP WITH A GUY NOW...

HERE.
DO YOU DO THIS OFTEN?
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE
LET'S TALK SOME OTHER TIME!
....
THANK YOU. ♡
SEE YOU AGAIN.

"SEE YOU AGAIN."
...YOU SAY.
グシャッ
MAYBE I SHOULD GET SOME HAIR EXTENSIONS DONE.
I want mine to be long as Aya's.

EEE...
ケーーーKES!!
HAH
HAH
HAH

URG
...
BRRRR

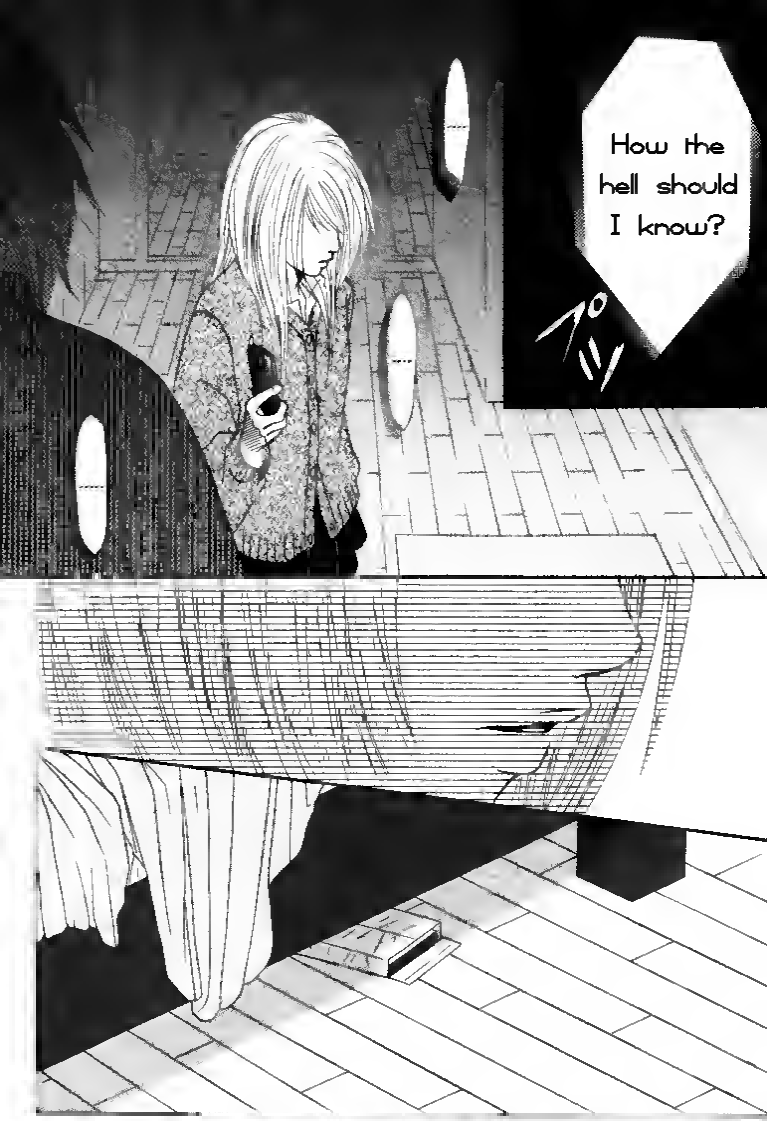

The guy I just did... H-he took his own life.
Ayu!?
I'm in a real mess Please help me!
HUH?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
W-WHAT SHOULD I DO!? I'M SO SCARED ...
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
S-Shibuya.
YOU SHOULD GO HOME FOR NOW.
AND DON'T SPEAK TO ANYONE ABOUT THIS, DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
O-okay.

OKAY ...!
110-9-

One week has passed since I gave Kenji the money...
and I still haven't heard anything from him.
ガチャ
UGH ...
this stench ?
What is...
KEN...

BRRRR
BRRRR
beep

Kenji, you there?
KENJI'S DEAD.
.....
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW THE CIRCUM-STANCES?
HE RETURNED THE MONEY TO YOU GUYS, DIDN'T HE?
He was buying drugs again.
WAS HE KILLED BY SOMEONE ...?


How the hell should I know?

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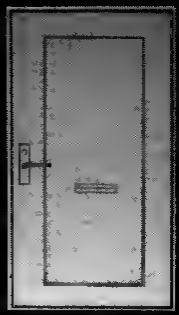

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I want to have that!
It looks good enough.
ざわ
ざわ

Yuuna-san commits suicide and leaves Mitsuri.

ガチャン
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. OKAY.
I've got to earn back the money Kenji spent ...
And quickly!
HOTEL SUN

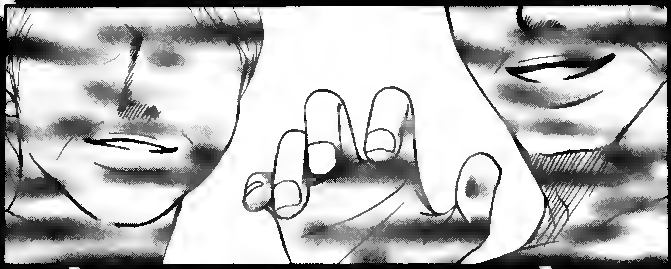
IF YOU CAN PAY FOR TWO ...
WOULD YOU DO US BOTH?
YOU'RE A CUTIE ALL RIGHT.
OF COURSE WE CAN!
WHY!?

WHY DID YOU KILL YOURSELF WITHOUT LEAVING ANY MONEY BEHIND!!?
WHAT'S WITH HER?
HEY,
ISN'T THAT THE PLACE WHERE A GUY COMMITTED SUICIDE THE OTHER DAY?
YEAH, HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY A VICTIM OF CORPORATE DOWNSIZING.
I read that in the newspaper

It's the money that corrupted us all...

But that's what this age is all about, right?

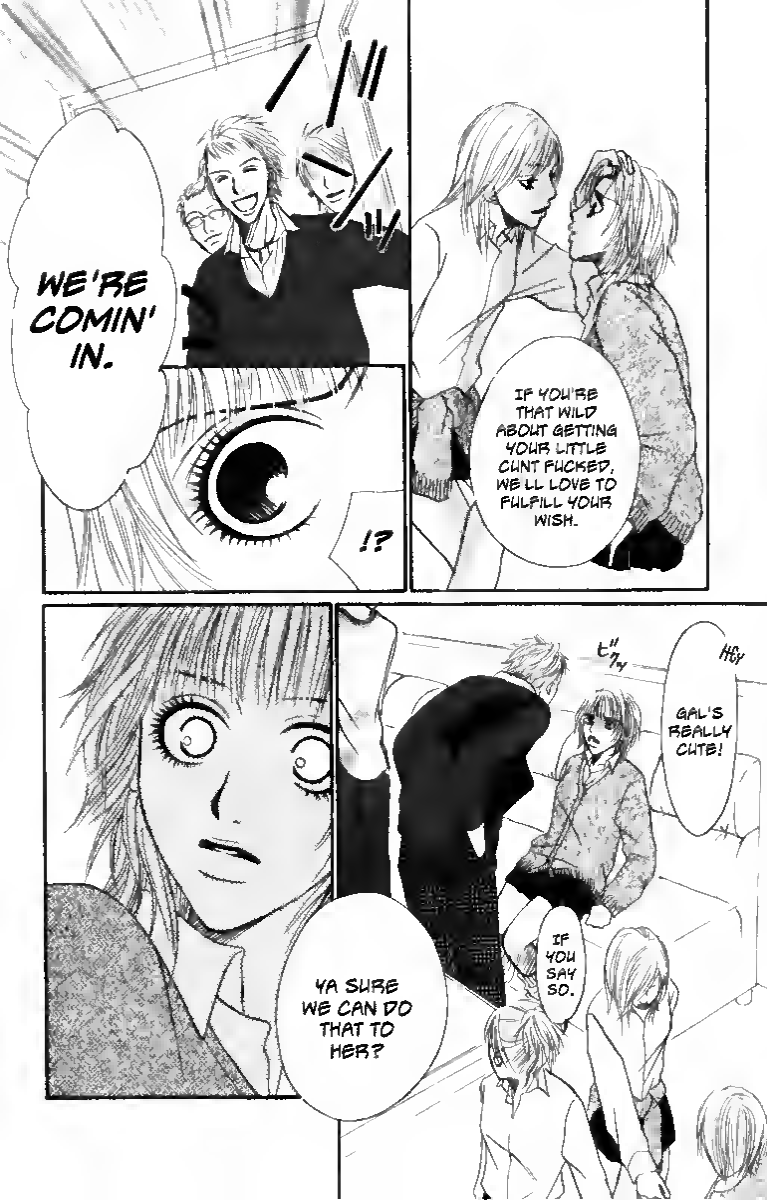
Hurry.



Hurry.

I have to return the money.

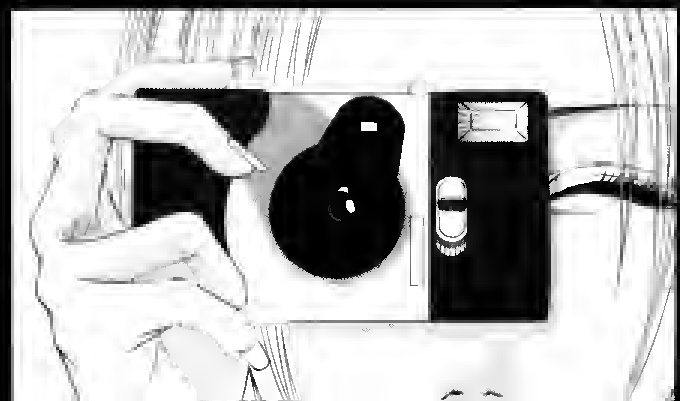
YOU'RE SLEEPING AROUND FOR MONEY, AIN'T YOU?
ADMIT IT!
HOW MUCH DID HE PAY YOU, EH? WHY DON'T SHARE SOME BUCKS WITH YOUR FRIENDS?
WE ALL SAW YOU LEAVING A HOTEL WITH THAT OLD GUY.
GOT HER WALLET! ♡
PLEASE DON'T ...


WE'RE COMIN' IN.
!?
IF YOU'RE THAT WILD ABOUT GETTING YOUR LITTLE CUNT FUCKED, WE'LL LOVE TO FULFILL YOUR WISH.
HEY
GAL'S REALLY CUTE!
IF YOU SAY SO.
YA SURE WE CAN DO THAT TO HER?

YEAH, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
Where's the remote?
It's not over here.
NOOOO!!
HEY, KEIKO ...

OF COURSE ...
STOP ...
DON'T THINK TOO BADLY OF ME, 'KAY?
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO CUM INSIDE HER?

NOOOOOO!!



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THE GUY WHO JUST DID YOU... DID HE REALLY CUM?
WHAT ...?
LOOKS LIKE HE DID.
AND LOOK AT HOW MANY TIMES HE CAME!
You liked it, didn't ya!?
TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT THIS AND YOU'LL FIND THESE PHOTOS SPREAD ALL OVER THE PLACE

A WHORE LIKE YOU DOESN'T DESERVE ANY BETTER!
...KEI-KO?

AAAAHRR...
HMV

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ズル
ズル
…あ…
ゆい

岡山済院
ドン
ヤッ
MISS REINA

NOOO ...!
REINA !?
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
.....

IT'S ME!
REINA !!
A...
AYU!
TELL ME WHAT HAP-PENED!
AYU!

NO, DON'T LOOK!
* Whore
EVERY-THING'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
WHAT!?
YOU CAME FOR ME, AYU.

THAT'S ALL I NEEDED.
THUMP

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G's COFFEE
HOT COFFEES!
NAH, REINA DOESN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF NERVE.
BESIDES ...
ARE YOU SURE SHE WON'T GO TO THE POLICE?

WE STILL HAVE THE PHOTOS.
WHAT ?
OH SHIT ..

ポタ
ポタ
GYAAAAA!!
KILL

OWWW!!
IT'S HOT!!
HOOOT!!
カシャン
WHAT THE ....!?
カシャン
WHO DID THAT !?

ストン
カイ
SHUT UP, BITCH.
AAAHRRR!!
ガバ
イッ

NEXT TIME ...
I WILL KILL YOU!
.....

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

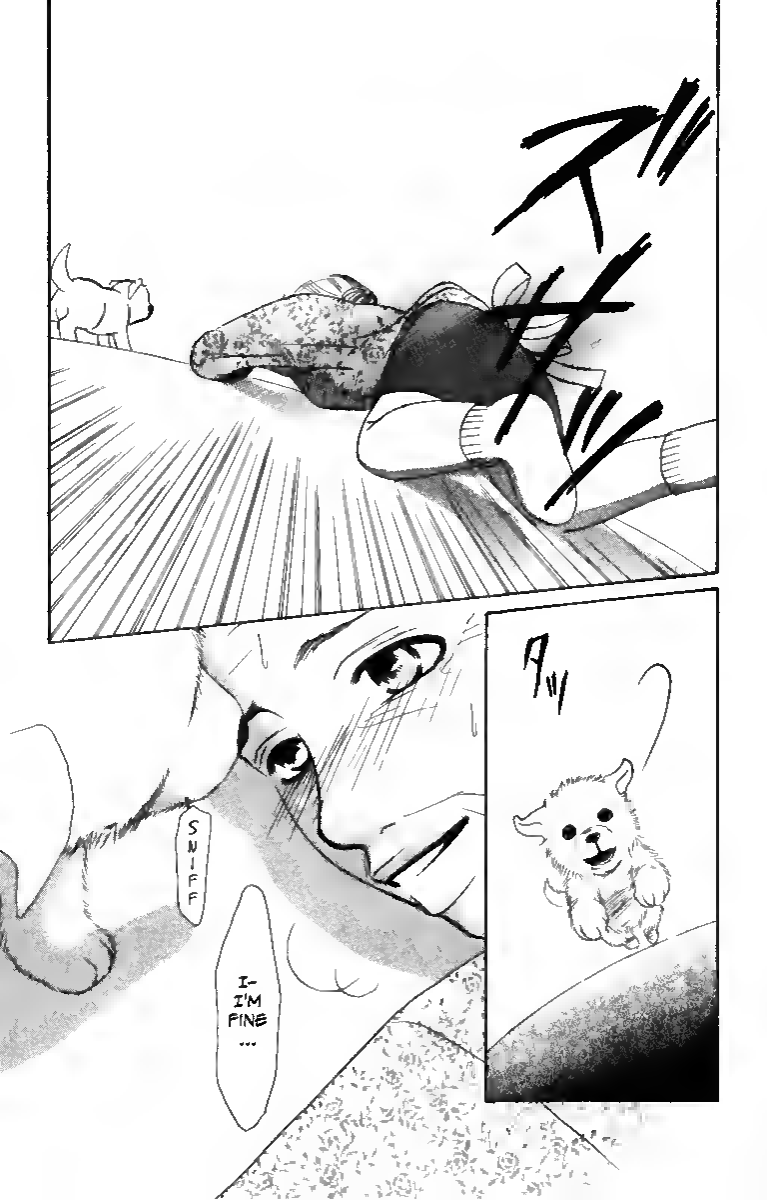
ビクッ
リリリーン
リリリーン
HELLO.

...Ayu?
HELLO ?
?

BLOOD !?
WHAT HAPPENED!? ARE YOU HURT!?
AYU, IS THAT YOU !?
The... blood...
THE BLOOD ...
.....
WHERE ARE YOU!?
PLEASE TELL ME!!

PLEASE STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
I'M COMING RIGHT OVER!!
...The train station...
カリ
チャン
ペタ...

カン
カン
カン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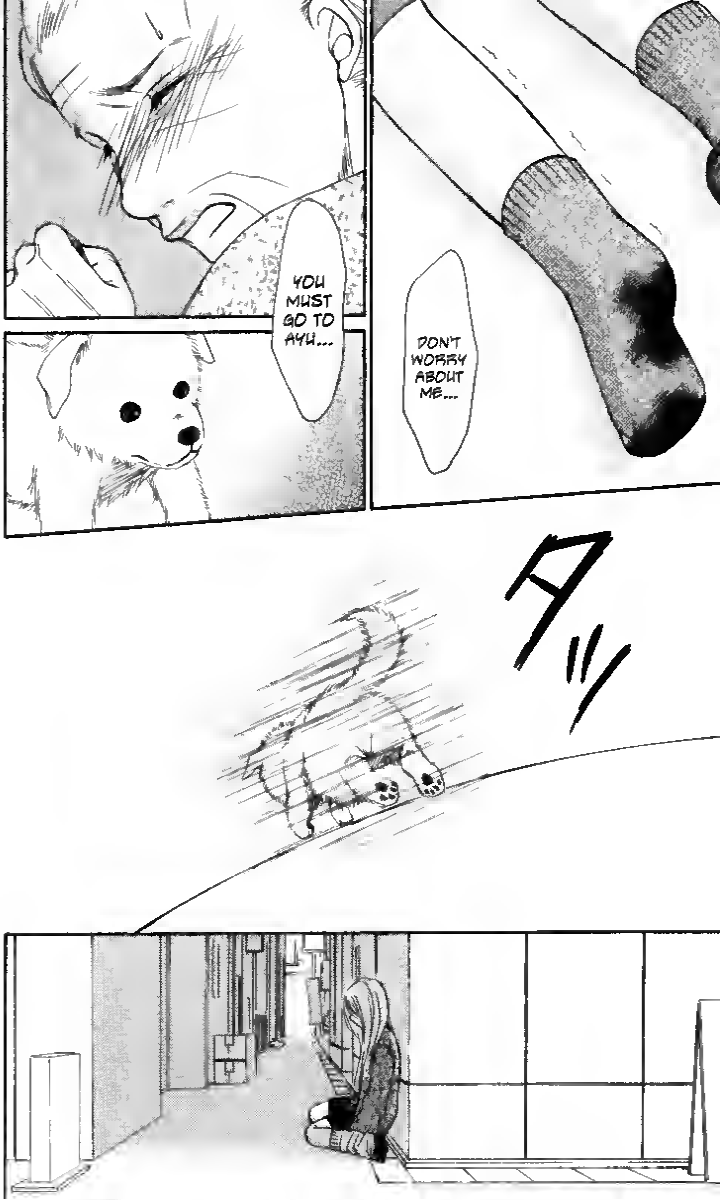
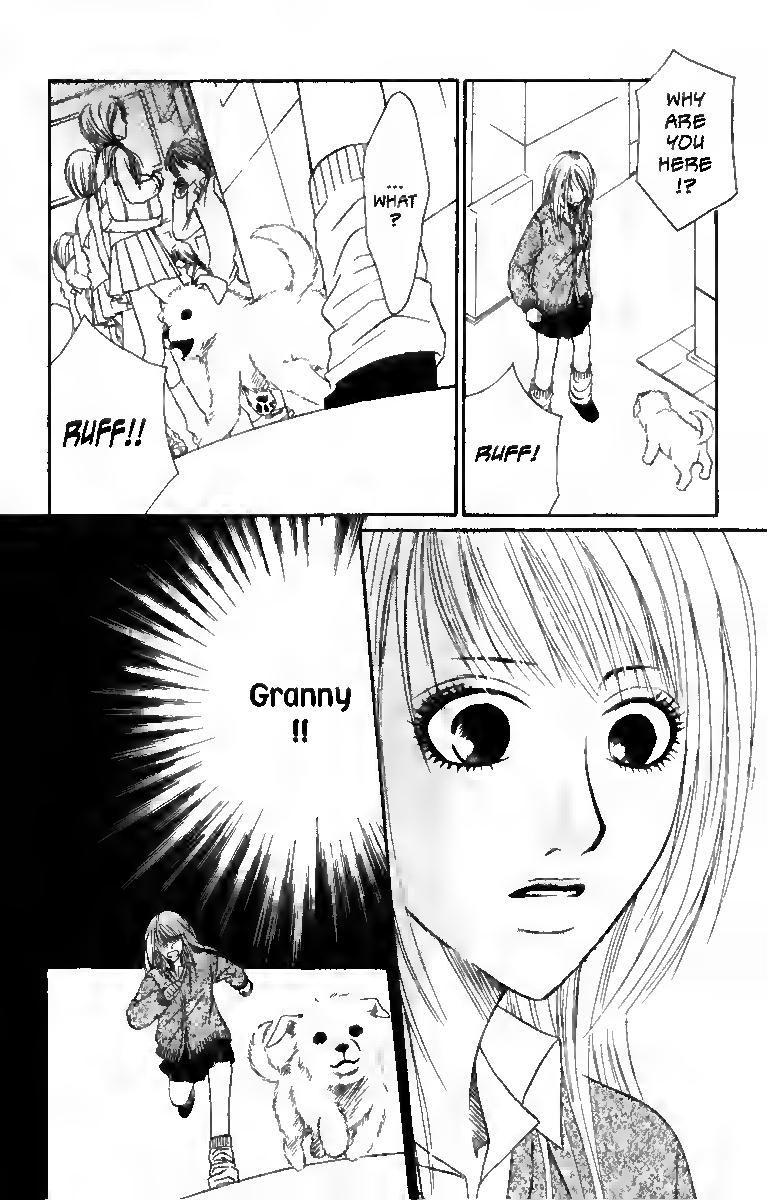
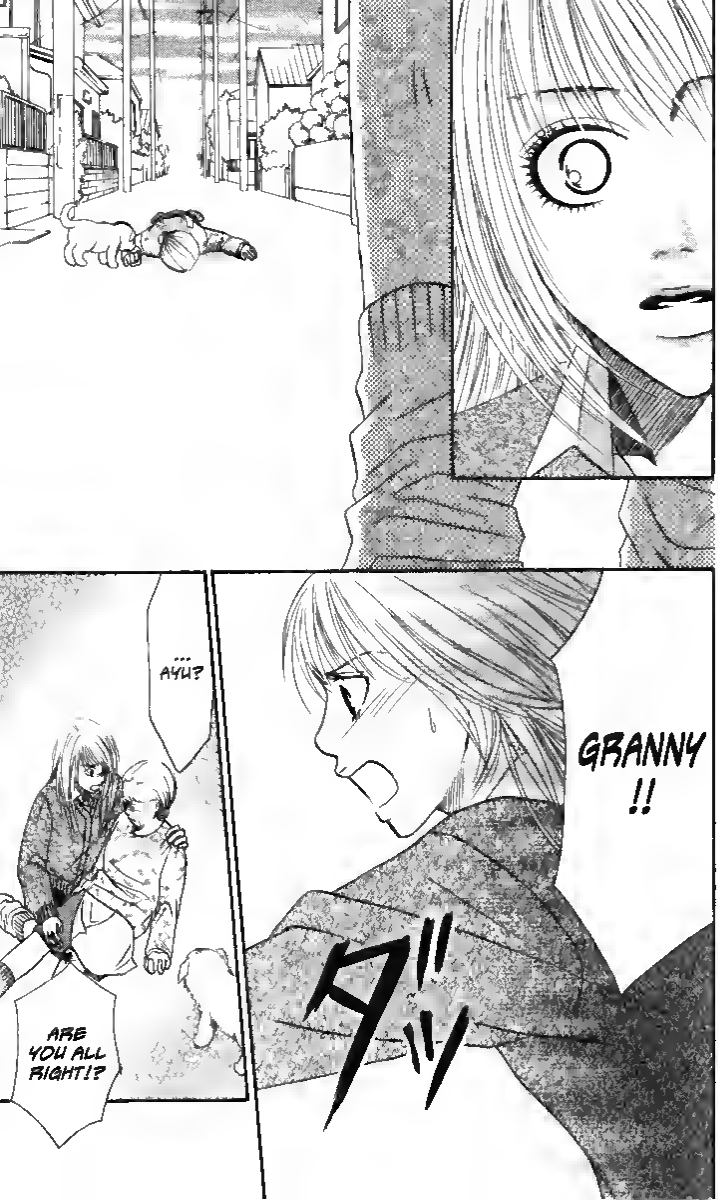
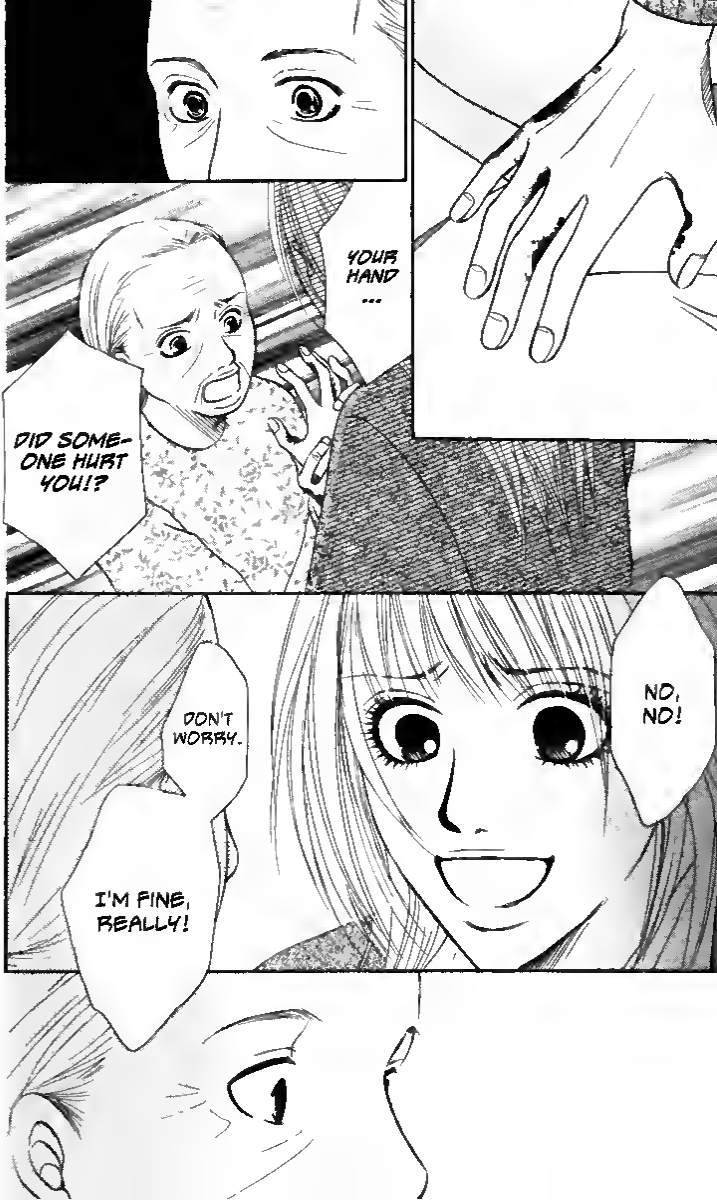
SNIFF
I-
I'M
FINE
...


YOU MUST GO TO AYU...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...
タッ

RUFF !!
PAO!?


WHY ARE YOU HERE !?
BUFF!
... WHAT ?
BUFF!!
Granny !!


GRANNY !!
ダッ!!!
...AYU?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?


YOUR HAND ...
DID SOME-ONE HURT YOU!?
NO, NO!
DON'T WORRY.
I'M FINE, REALLY!

THANK GOOD-NESS ...
I'M SO GLAD ...!

I'M SORRY ...
NOT AT ALL.
WHAT'S WRONG ?
THANK YOU.

SOME-
ONE HAS
STOLEN
YOUR
MONEY!!
...
SORRY.
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.
NO,
IT'S
NOT!!
YOUR
MONEY
...

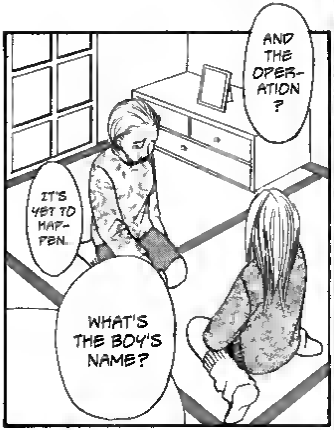
AND I SAID IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
THAT PERSON PROBABLY NEEDED THE MONEY!!
I-I'M EVEN GLAD THAT THE MONEY'S GONE!!
!!
!!
YOU ARE...?

I...
I DON'T NEED IT ANY-MORE.
IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO BEGIN WITH.
WHAT WAS THAT MONEY FOR?
NOT ENOUGH ?
I SAVED IT TO PAY FOR THIS CHILD'S OPERA-TION...

HE'S MY SON.
YOUR SON?
I'M NOT HIS BIOLOGICAL MOTHER THOUGH.
I FOUND HIM OVER TEN YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS ABANDONED BY HIS PARENTS.
I REPORTED IT TO THE POLICE, BUT THEY COULDN'T LOCATE HIS PARENTS.
SO I DECIDED TO TAKE CARE OF HIM...
AS MY ADOPTIVE CHILD.
.....

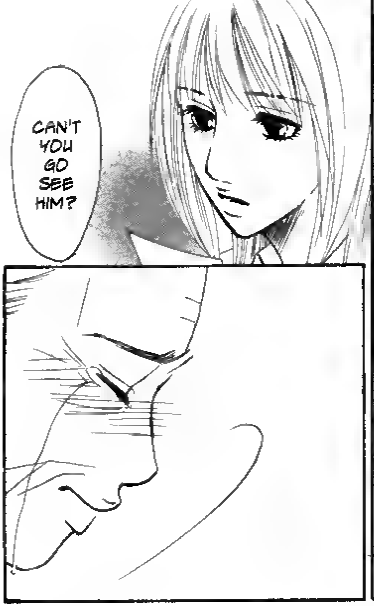
Grandma...
Please read this book to me!
Okay, okay.
Let's draw together after that!
UNFORTU-NATELY, HE HAD A WEAK HEART THAT WAS CONGE-NITAL.
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO RECEIVE A HEART TRANSPLANT ABROAD...
BUT IT'D HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF MONEY.

HE'S STAYING WITH HIS REAL FATHER.
AND.. WHERE IS HE NOW?
HUH?
WHY!?
IT SEEMED THAT THE FATHER ABANDONED THE CHILD BECAUSE HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO RAISE HIM.
AFTER HE REMARRIED AND THEY REALIZED THEY COULDN'T HAVE A BABY, HE CAME TO READOPT THE BOY.
AND YOU AGREED TO THAT ?


AND THE OPER-ATION?
IT'S YET TO HAP-PEN.
WHAT'S THE BOY'S NAME?

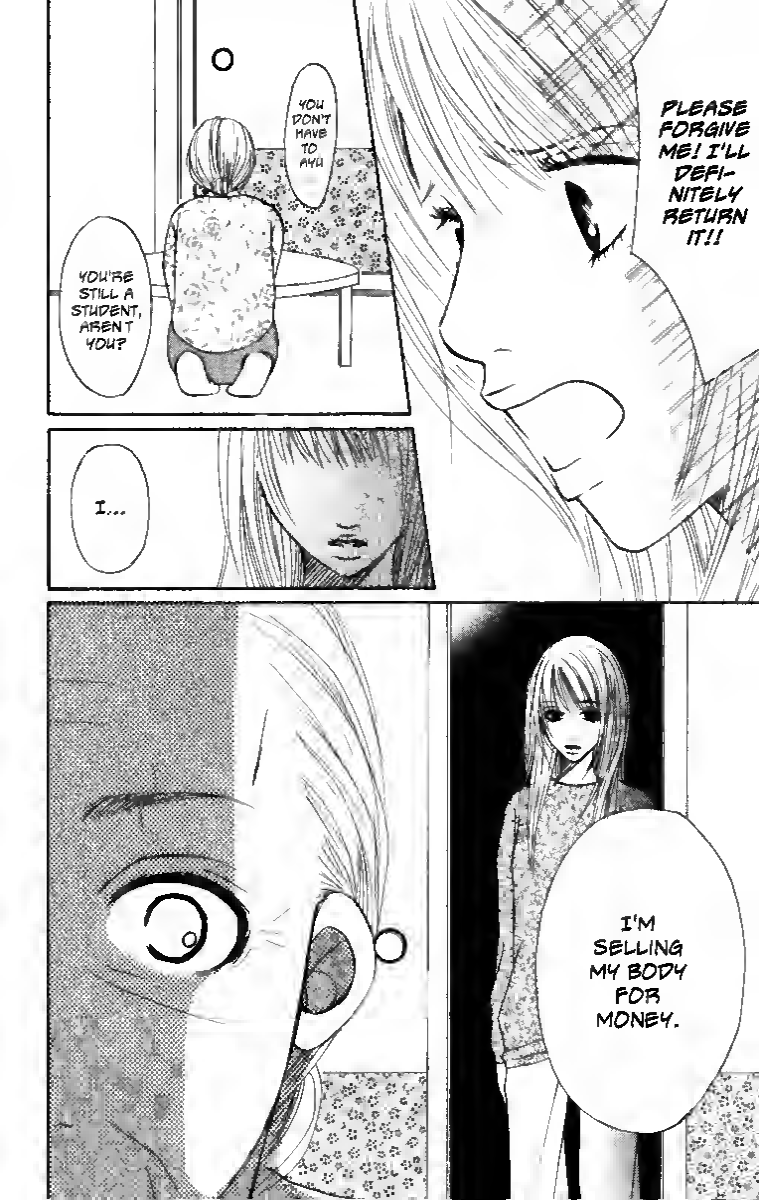
YOSHI-YUKI...

ABSO-LUTELY NOT! BUT I LOST.



THERE'S SOME THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT, AYU...

IT WAS ME WHO TOOK YOUR MONEY.
GRAN-NY...


PLEASE FORGIVE ME! I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN IT!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO AYU
YOU'RE STILL A STUDENT, AREN'T YOU?
I...
I'M SELLING MY BODY FOR MONEY.

SO ...
Ah ...

GOOD NIGHT.
.....

GRAN-NY.
YOU'D BETTER SLEEP ON YOUR FUTON.
GRAN ...
ゴトッ

WAKE UP.
GRAN-NY.
GRAN...
...GRANNY?

GRANDMA
!!
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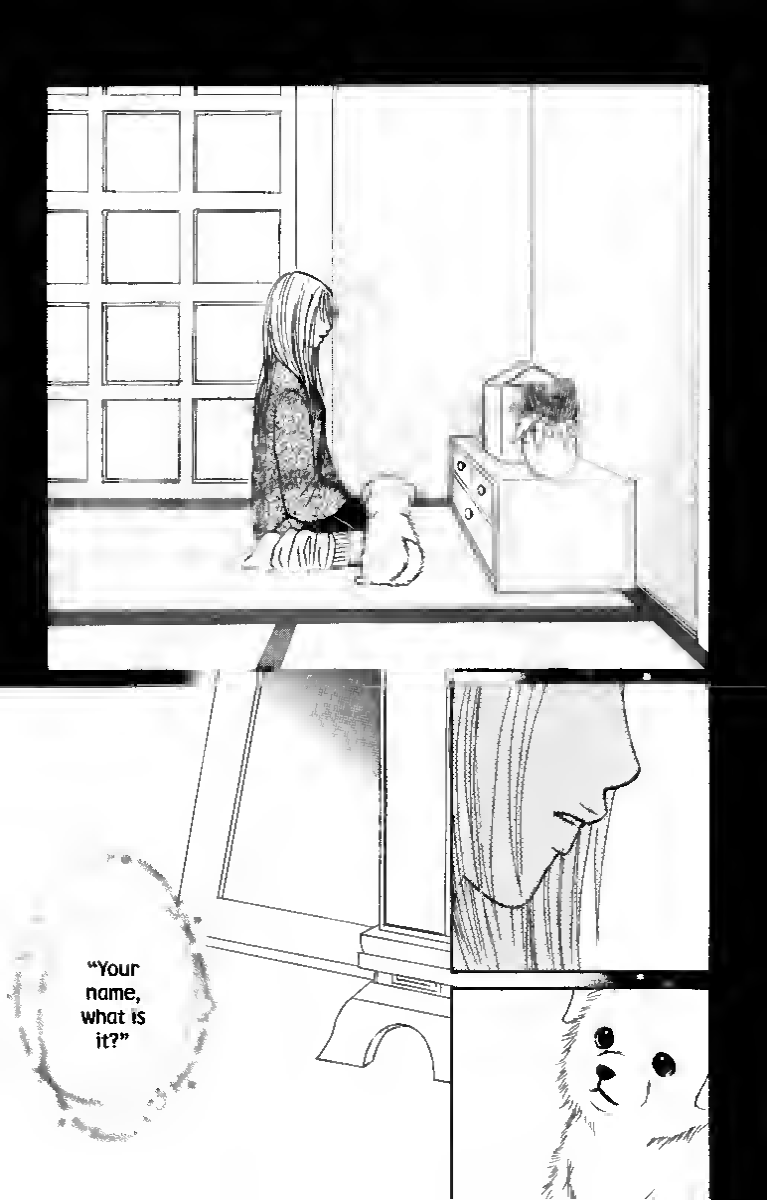
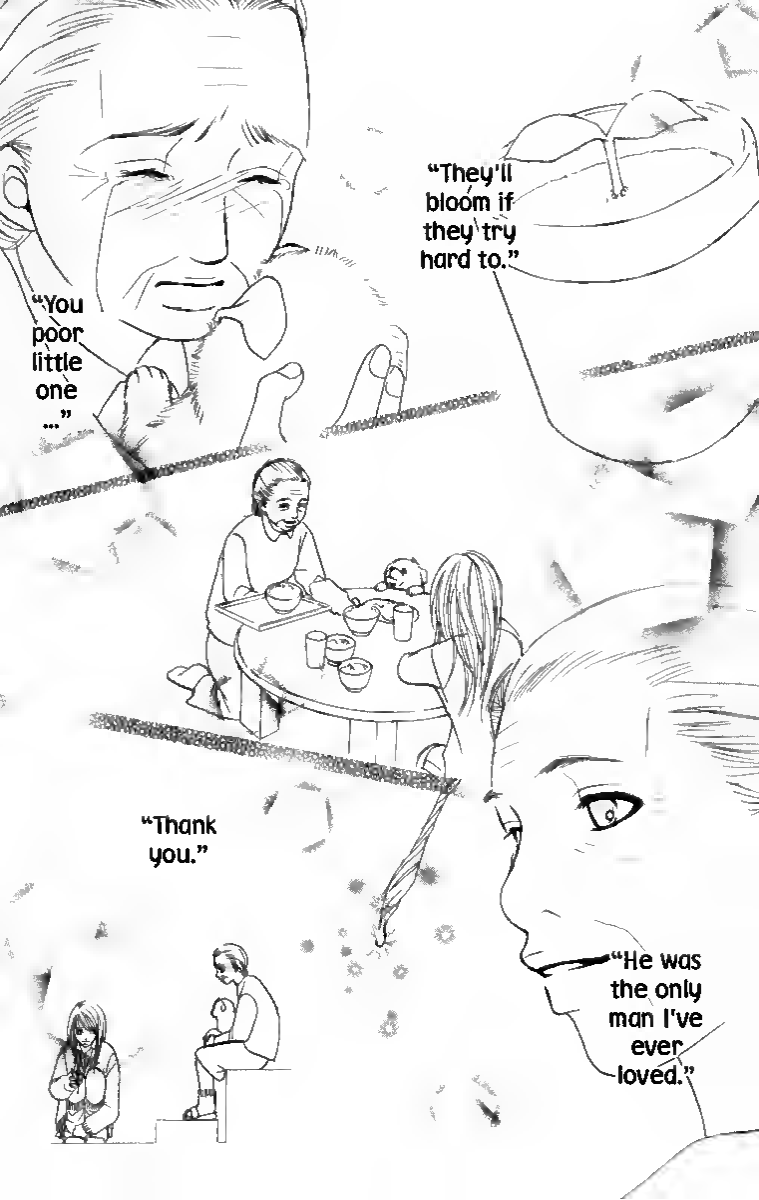
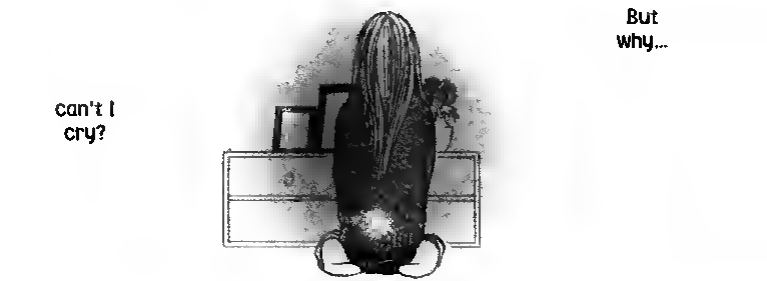

"Your name, what is it?"


"You poor little one ..."
"They'll bloom if they try hard to."
"Thank you."
"He was the only man I've ever loved."

My heart is filled with sadness ...


But why...
can't I cry?

HURRY UP!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
WHO...
ARE YOU?

Hi
I
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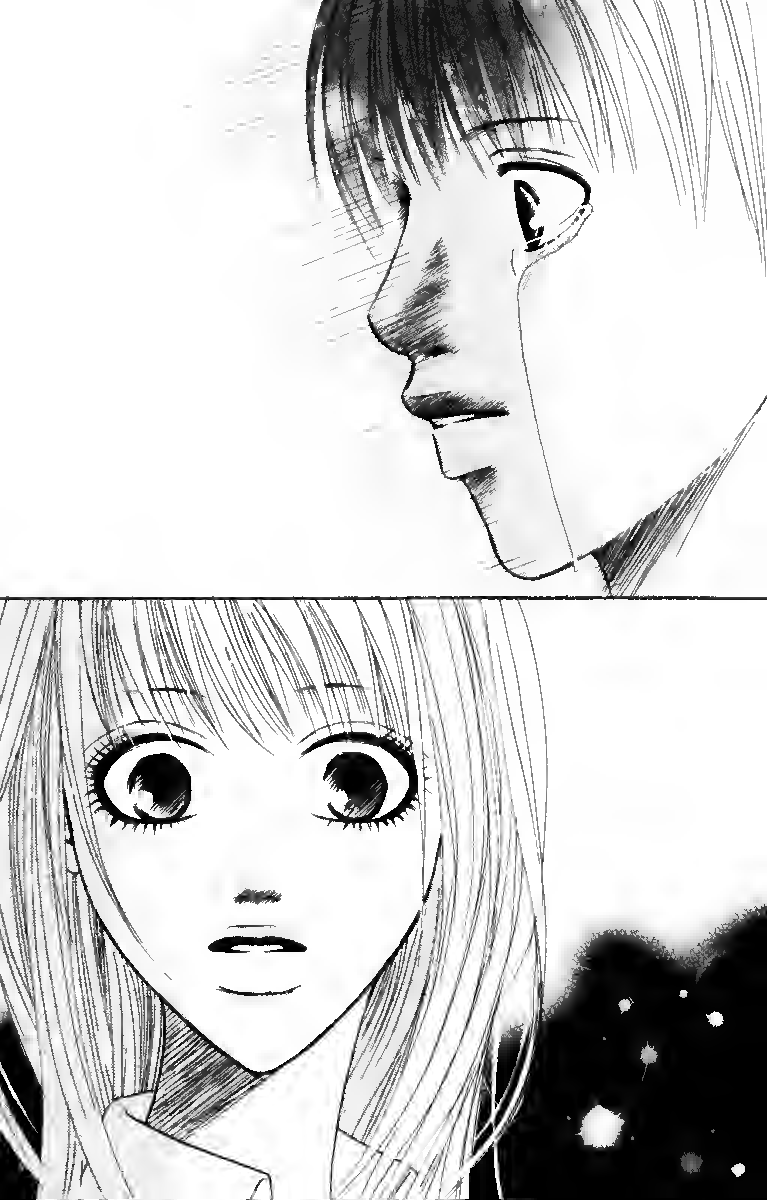
.....
THAT'S MY LINE.
HEY.
HURRY AND FINISH YOUR BUSINESS HERE SO WE CAN GO HOME.



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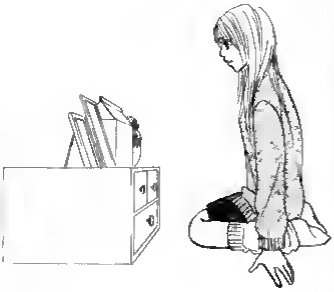
— He's my son. —

YOU MUST BE YOSHI-YUKI, RIGHT?
... YES.
AND YOU ARE ...?
I... I'm...

I'M HER CHILD!
HEY!
ARE YOU DONE YET? LET'S GO HOME.
YES.
WAIT ...

ガラガラ
ピシャーン
"He had a weak heart that was congenital."
"What about the operation?"
"It's yet to happen ..."

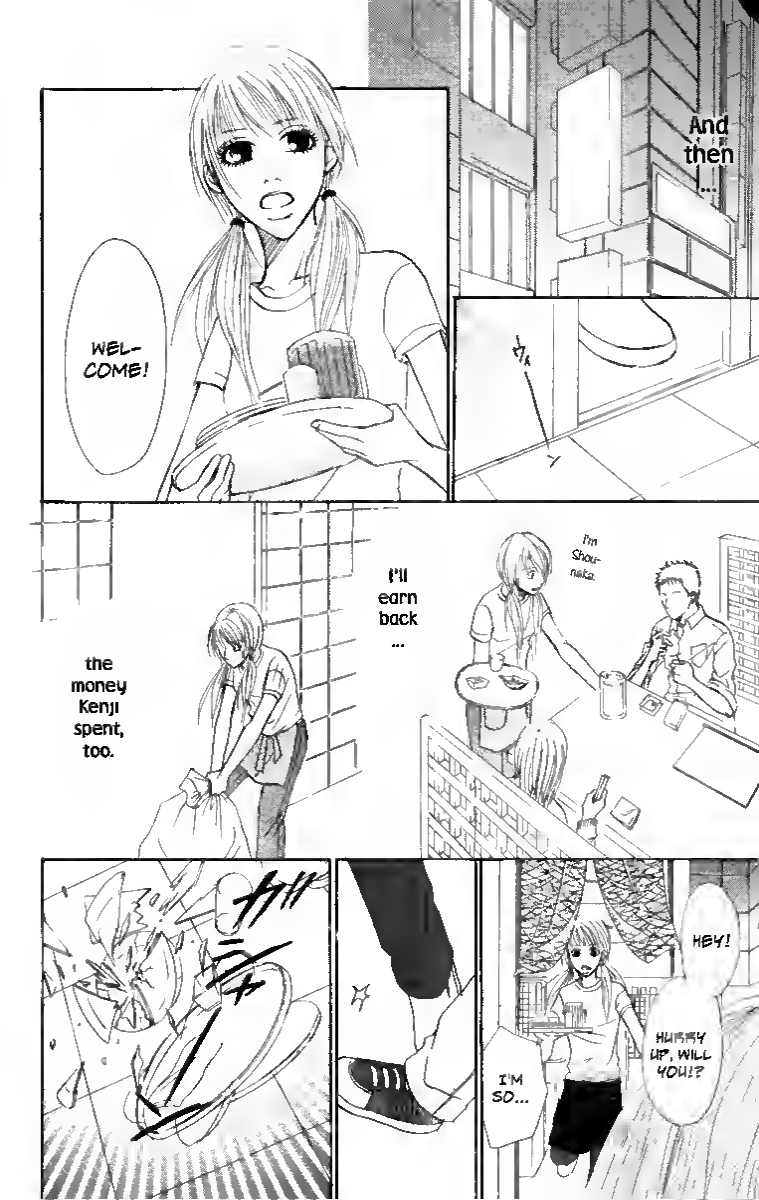
But I won't use my body to do it.



I'll save money to pay for his operation.

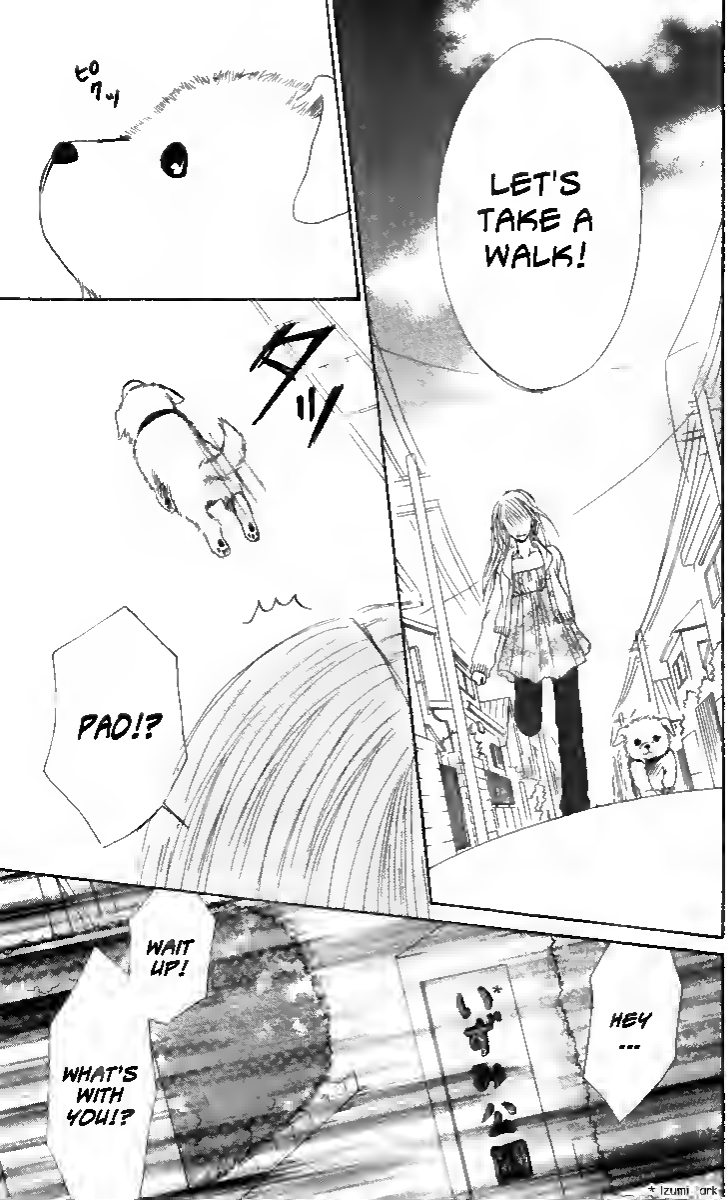
Granny ...

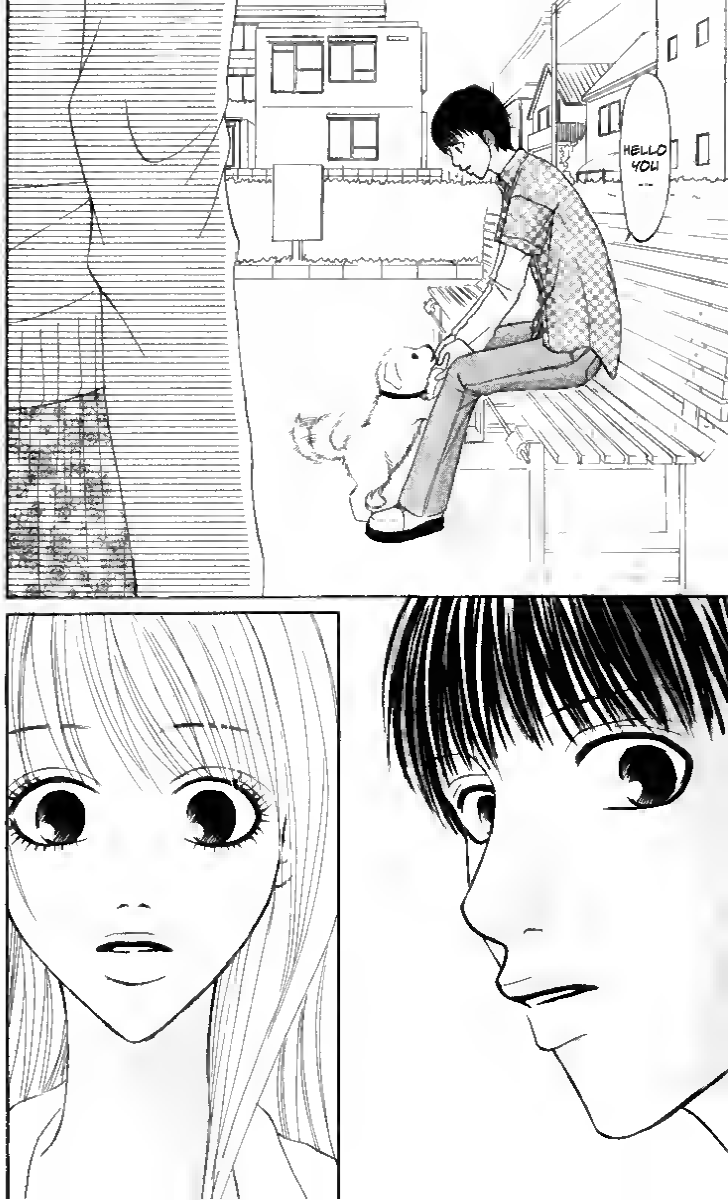
It's a promise.


And then...
WEL-COME!
I'm Shou-naka.
I'll earn back...
the money Kenji spent, too.
HEY!
HURRY UP, WILL YOU!?
I'M SO...

I'll give all the money to Yoshiyuki...

PAO!
Come here.
Come here.


LET'S TAKE A WALK!
PAD!?
WAIT UP!
WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
HEY ...


HELLO YOU --

GOOD DAY.
PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.
THANKS
....
MAY WE TALK A LITTLE BIT?
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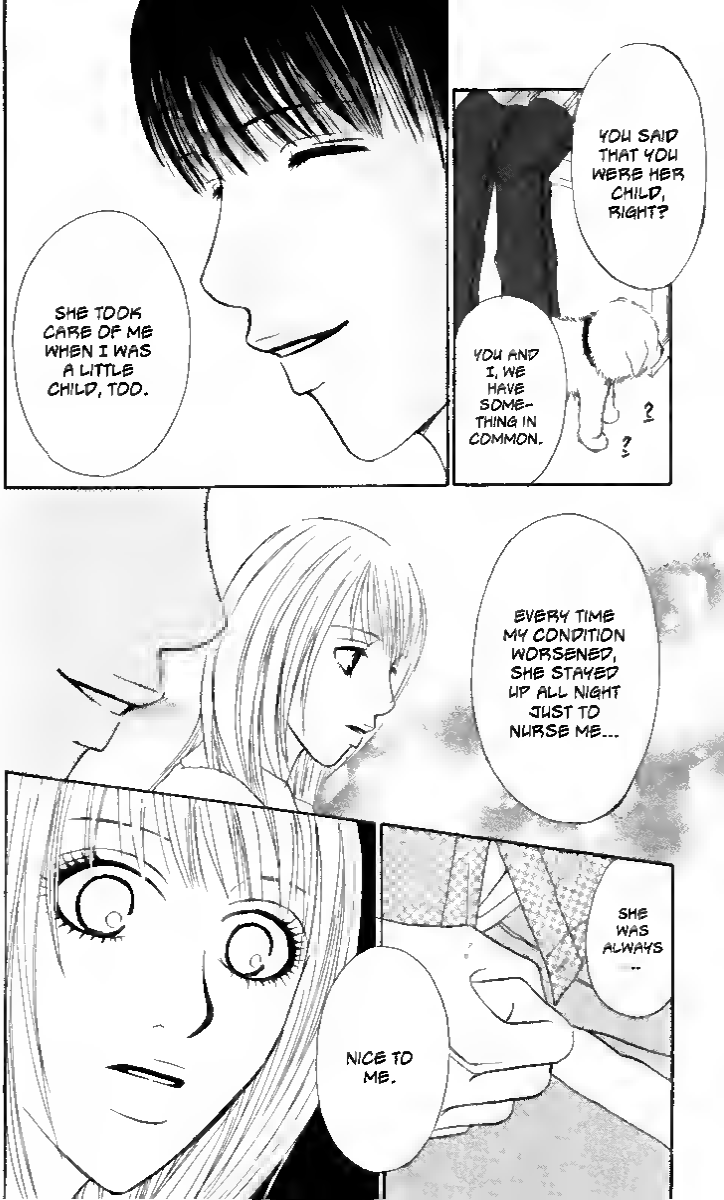
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
... AYU.


SHE TOOK CARE OF ME WHEN I WAS A LITTLE CHILD, TOO.
YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE HER CHILD, RIGHT?
YOU AND I, WE HAVE SOME-THING IN COMMON.
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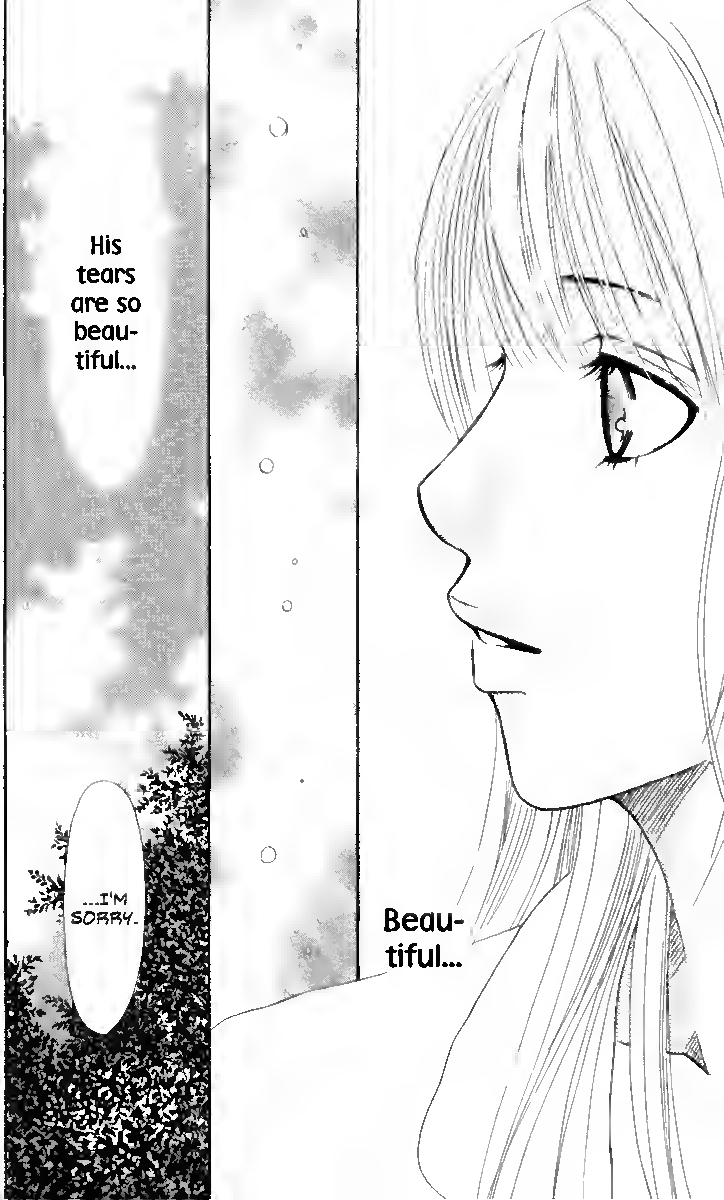
EVERY TIME MY CONDITION WORSENED, SHE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT JUST TO NURSE ME...
SHE WAS ALWAYS ...
NICE TO ME.


His tears are so beautiful...
...I'M SORRY.
Beautiful...

HOW OLD ARE YOU, AYU?
Hmm?
AH ---
I'M 17!
I'LL HAVE TO CALL YOU "OLDER SISTER" FROM NOW ON THEN.
OLDER SISTER ?
WE ARE BOTH HER CHILDREN, AREN'T WE?

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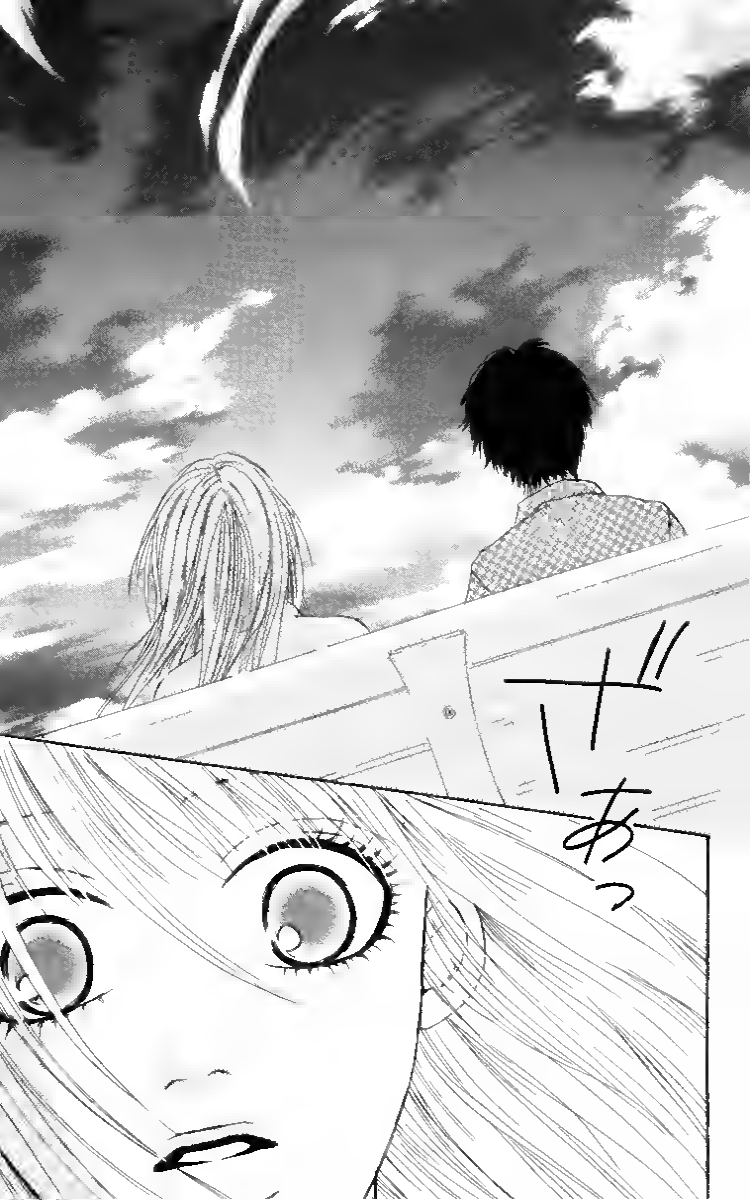
YES.
BUT I'M ONLY ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE FOR ONE HOUR A DAY.
DO YOU COME HERE EVERYDAY, YOSHIYUKI?
IS IT BE-CAUSE OF YOUR SICK-NESS?
SO YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT IT.
I'M NOT UNHAPPY THOUGH.
BEING ABLE TO SEE THE SKY IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
THE SKY?
LOOK.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How many years have passed ...
since I looked at the sky like this?
YOSHI-YUKI!
YOUR ONE HOUR'S BEEN LONG OVER!
I'M SORRY.
WHO ARE YOU?

LET'S GO HOME QUICKLY!
YES!
....
WAIT ...
YOU'RE THAT OLD WOMAN'S CHILD, AREN'T YOU?

PLEASE COME BACK TOMORROW.
I WILL!

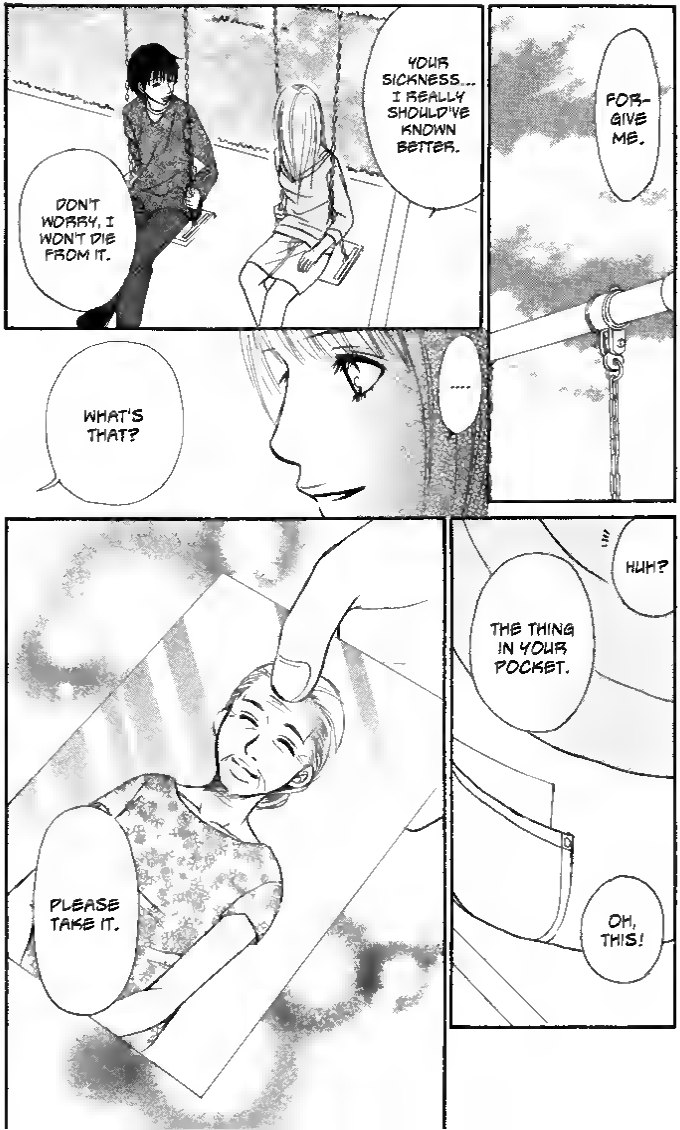
IT'S 105 YEN IN TOTAL, MISS.
398

Hurry.
I want you ta get well again.
Hurry.
I'll do my best ta make it happen.
... 97 ...
98 ...
99 ...

SORRY, DAD.
PLEASE WATCH THE HOUSE FOR ME.
!
TWO MILLION!

BOO!!
ビクッ
Cough
Cough
Cough
Cough
Oh no...
SORRY..
YOSHI-YUKI...!

I mustn't touch him...
with these hands.


DON'T WORRY, I WON'T DIE FROM IT.
YOUR SICKNESS... I REALLY SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER.
FOR-GIVE ME.
....
WHAT'S THAT?
PLEASE TAKE IT.
HUH?
THE THING IN YOUR POCKET.
OH, THIS!

THANK -
YOSHIYUKI, DO YOU WATCH TV?
AH, NO ...
I DON'T HAVE A TELEVISION IN MY ROOM.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
BUT I DO HAVE A RADIO WHICH I LISTEN TO QUITE OFTEN.
MY FAVORITE BAND IS 19 JUUKU*.
Really?
WHICH OF THEIR SONGS DO YOU LIKE?
"AND AO WO KOMETE" AND "AND KAMI HIKOUKI KUMO-BIZORA WATTE" AMONG OTHERS...

* http://www.jvcmusic.co.jp/19/

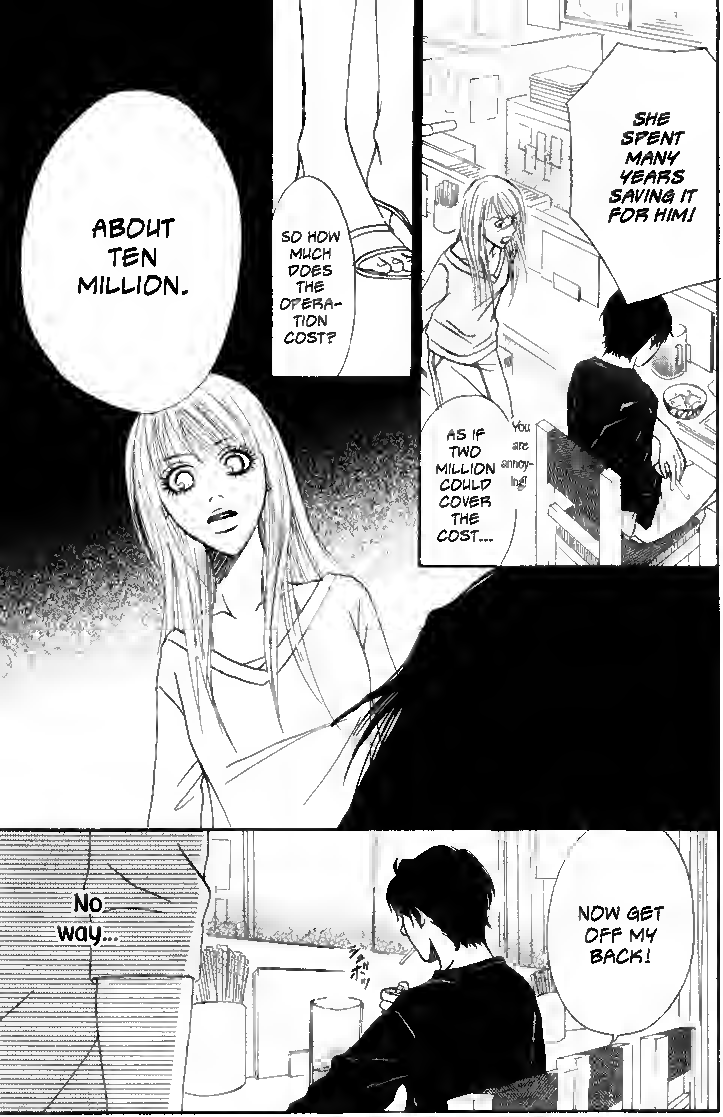
* Both song titles contain references to the sky.
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, YOSHI-YUKI*.
AH! AN IDEA JUST STRUCK ME!
Yes!?
HOW 'BOUT WE DROP THE FORMAL SPEECH?

BUT YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME, AYU...
DOESN'T MATTER!
YES...
AN "OKAY" WOULD'VE DONE, TOO!
... OKAY.
Yes!
ER ...
THAT'S BETTER!

My bad.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE YOUR DAD IS AT THIS HOUR?
I HAVE TO GO HOME NOW ...
OR THEY'LL GET MAD AT ME AGAIN.
PROB-ABLY ..
OH!

I SUPPOSE HE'S HAVING A DRINK AT THE BAR IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION.
酒屋
YO, MIS-TER
GET ME ANOTHER BOTTLE, WOULD YOU?
...WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING HERE?

FORGET IT, THE COST IS WAY TOO HIGH.
WOULD TWO MILLION BE ENOUGH?
I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU MONEY FOR YOSHIYUKI'S OPERATION. THE OLD LADY HAD BEEN SAVING IT BEFORE SHE DIED.
TWO MILLION ?
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU FOR THE TIME BEING.
DON'T YOU DARE USE IT FOR YOURSELF!


SHE SPENT MANY YEARS SAVING IT FOR HIM!
You are annoying!
AS IF TWO MILLION COULD COVER THE COST...
SO HOW MUCH DOES THE OPERATION COST?
ABOUT TEN MILLION.
NOW GET OFF MY BACK!
No way...

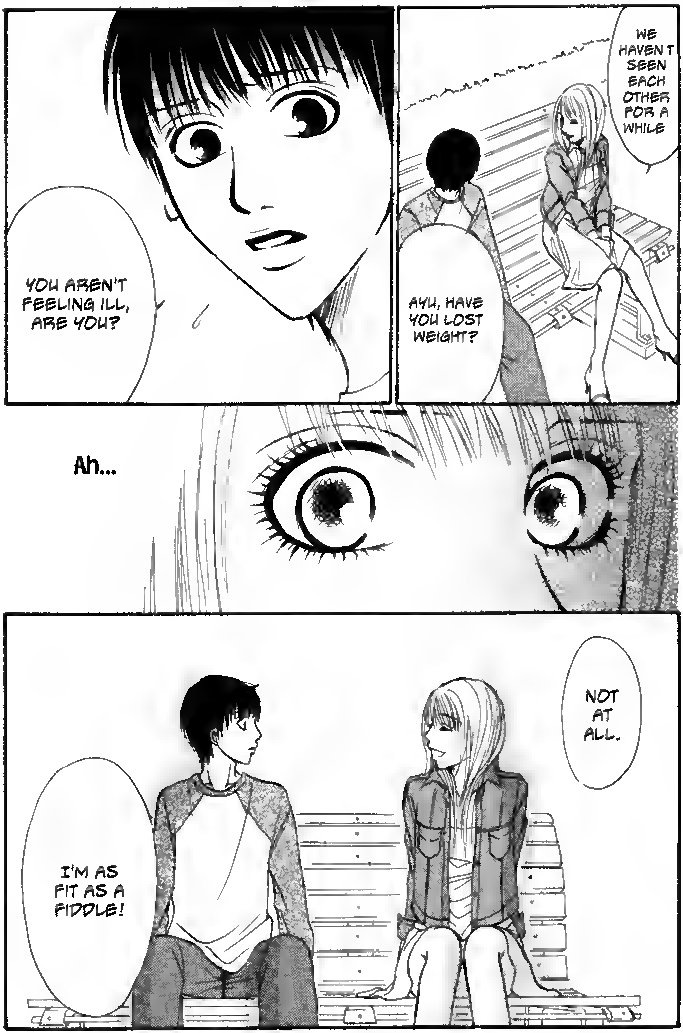
That much...?
I'LL RAISE MORE MONEY.

Yoshiyuki's sickness...
I will cure it.
I don't have any time to lose.
I will!

THANKS FOR YOUR WORK.
居酒屋 ハベス
居酒屋 おとめ
居酒屋
WHO'S THE GIRL?
SHE'S NOBODY. JUST WAIT A MIN...
YOU AGAIN?
GOT THE MONEY?

YOU BETTER FORGET ABOUT THE OPERATION IF YOU CAN'T RAISE MORE MONEY.
IS THIS ALL?
Want something to eat?
Sure.
...What's up with this guy!?
HEY, I'VE ALREADY DONE MY PART.
WHY DON'T YOU SAVE SOME MONEY YOURSELF ?!!

HELLO, AYU!
Could someone like him really be Yoshiyuki's father!?


WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE
AYU, HAVE YOU LOST WEIGHT?
YOU AREN'T FEELING ILL, ARE YOU?
Ah...
NOT AT ALL.
I'M AS FIT AS A FIDDLE!

How could Yoshiyuki have known that Ayu had cut down her food expense and worked overtime to save money for his operation?

YOSHIYUKI, IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO HAVE OR DO?
HUH?
ANYTHING ?
YOU GAVE ME GRANNY'S PHOTO.
THAT WAS MORE THAN I COULD ASK FOR.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS.
C'MON, THERE MUST BE SOME-THING. TELL ME!
HMMM
...
...OKINAWA.

I WANT TO SEE THE OKINAWAN SKY AND SEA!
GRANNY ONCE TOLD ME THAT...
THE SKY AND SEA OF OKINAWA HAD THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BLUE SHE'D EVER SEEN.

BUT THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE I GUESS.
WHY?
WEAK AS I AM...
THERE'S NO WAY MY PARENTS WILL LET ME GO THERE.

Are those people ...
really your parents?
AYU ...?

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I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
To be continued in Volume 2!

Hi everyone, Yuu here. Please excuse me for not writing so long!
"Deep Love" is the first comic I've ever drawn that was based on someone else's story. It caused me quite a few headaches, I can tell you. Not to mention the whole excitement. That's why I was incredibly happy when the first volume finally hit the shelf. I still can't believe it actually happened. Please tell me it wasn't a dream! (Whom am I talking to?)
I was like "I will never finish this! The series'll be a failure even before it starts!!" when I began to draw the first chapter, which was over 100 pages long! (bitter smile)
Looking back at it now, I'm very glad that it didn't turn out that way. (There, I can say it now.)

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Thank you everyone who supported me during my creation process!
And thank you everyone who took this book in their hands and read this far!
I hope to see you all again in the second volume!

So long!

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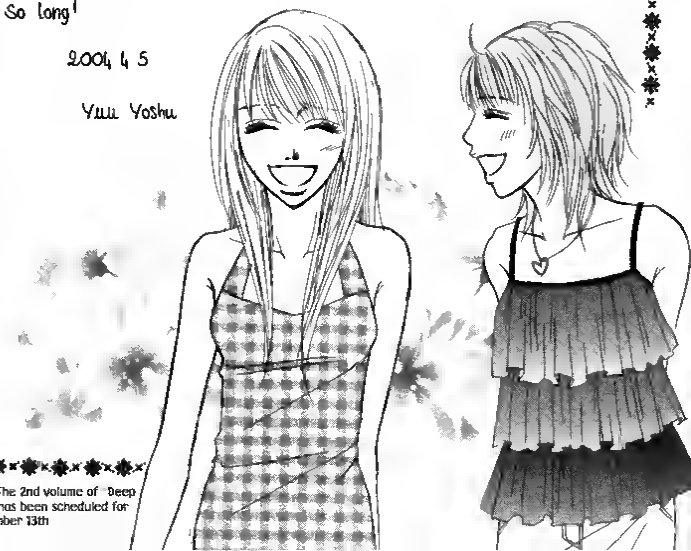
Yuu Yoshu



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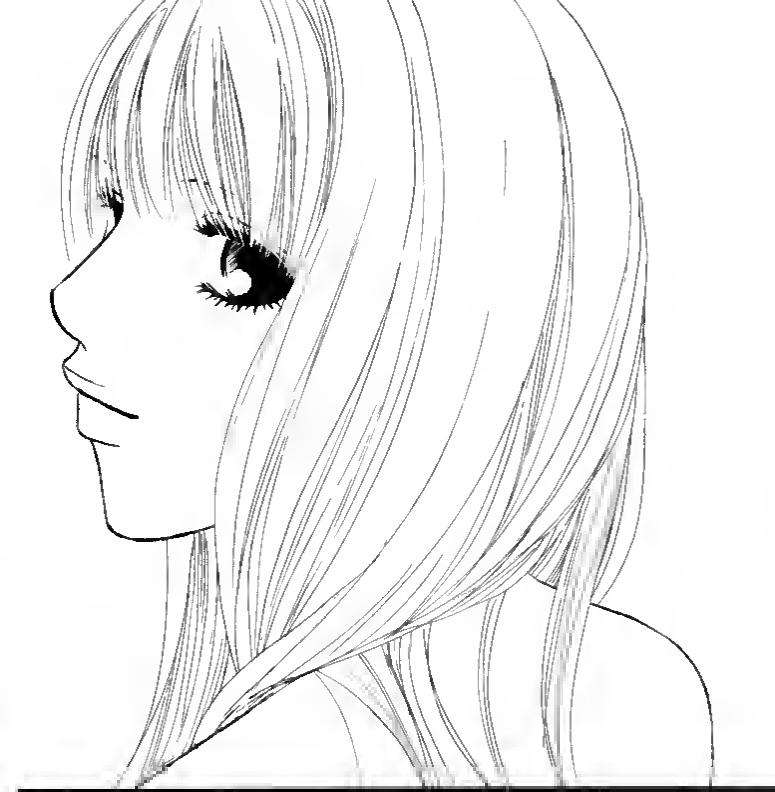

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Afterword

A message from Yoshi

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Yoshi, the author.

It's always been a huge dream of mine to share the story of "Deep Love" with many people. Therefore, not only have I written it down in form of a novel series, but I also turned it into a movie. With the help of Miss Yoshii, I now hope that my story will find even more readers in its comic incarnation.

Moreover, I had the chance to take active part in this comic's production process. I wanted to incorporate the same thought into the comic that I did into the novel, which was to trigger a change in other people. I would be happy if that thought could be transmitted through the comic version.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Miss Yoshii and the staff of Bessatsu Friend magazine, without whose hard work my story couldn't have been turned into such a wonderful comic. For information on my future works and activities, please refer to the homepage below. I hope to see you there.

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